

Hiltingbury Infant School

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2022/23 Flu programme

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due.**

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against the flu virus. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu. There may be an increase in flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

We are due to visit your child's school on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022**.

The unique code for your child's school is **SH115980**. Submit your form by 10/10/2022 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. If you experience any problems accessing the form, telephone 02380 475221 and the team will be happy to help.

**Click on the following link to access the online consent form:**

<https://www.southernhealthimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu>

If you decide you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu, please submit the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and enable us to update your child's immunisation record.

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they will not be protected. For the 2022-23 season the programme is being offered to all children in Year R– Year 9. Children with Complex needs in special schools will be offered the vaccine up to the age of 18.

For further information about the vaccination programme and details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate see: [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

**If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you return this form, please contact your local Immunisation Team on the above number.**

Yours faithfully,

**School Age Immunisation Service**