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Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child's annual nasal flu vaccination is now due

Kernow Health is delivering the flu immunisation programme in Cornwall's schools on behalf of NHS England. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

In 2018/19 all children in Reception and school years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be offered the vaccine.

The vaccination is free and recommended for young children; it is administered by a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please click on the following <u>link</u> to access information explaining the vaccination programme which also includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

Please click on the following link to access the consent form:

https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/flu PLEASE ENSURE YOU QUOTE THE FULL UNIQUE SCHOOL REFERENCE CODE. The code for your school is:

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Please return your consent form as soon as possible. The form will not be available 2 days before we visit your child's school, but your child can still be immunised at one of our catch-up clinics. We are in the process of arranging dates with schools and once confirmed these will be on our website.

If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you return this form, please contact Kernow Health on one of the numbers above.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please complete and return the consent form giving the reason. This will help us to plan and improve the service. Please tell us if you need this information in a different format.

Yours faithfully

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