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Dear Parent / Carer,

Childhood seasonal flu vaccination for primary school aged children

As part of the national vaccination programme, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's Community Immunisation Service would like to offer you the opportunity to protect your child against seasonal flu (influenza) this winter.

In Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland children from reception year to year 6 (born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2015) will be offered the vaccination in school. Younger children aged 2 and 3 years will be offered the flu vaccination at their GP surgery.

To read the patient information leaflet about the flu vaccination, visit: www.tiny.cc/fluleaflet For information about the national vaccination programme, visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations

To complete the consent form visit: www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

You will need a code for your school. For **Woodstone Community Primary School** the code is **LE119916**

Top tip: Ensure that the email addresses match and that there are no spaces or punctuation before or after the email address and the school code.

You will need to fully complete the consent form within one week of receiving this letter. If you try to complete the form in the seven days prior to the session date your consent may not be accepted.

You will be informed of the vaccination date by your school. These dates are also available on our website, visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk/communityimms

Children with health conditions who normally receive the flu vaccination at their GP surgery can now have their vaccination at school. Almost all children will be eligible to have the vaccine as a nasal spray. A very small number of children may be unable to have nasal spray for medical reasons. If this is the case, we will call you to explain why and discuss whether your child is eligible for an injectable vaccine.

It would be helpful if you talk to your child about this vaccination to prepare them. There is a short animated film that we have developed for children which explains what flu is and how

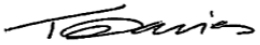
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the nasal flu vaccine works. You can watch this with your child by visiting: www.healthforkids.co.uk/staying-healthy/stopping-flu The website is also a wonderful resource on health-related subjects and includes exciting activities and interactive content for children.

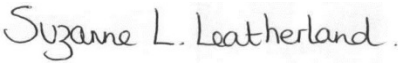
If you are unable to complete the consent form online due to not having internet connection or an e-mail account have any questions about the vaccine or wish to discuss any additional support that your child may require during the vaccination, please ring us on 0300 300 0007 (select option 1 then option 4 then option 2) or contact the team by e-mail: communityimms@leicspart.nhs.uk Calls volumes are high during the period we offer flu vaccinations and you may have to wait at peak times for your call to be answered.

NB Our call handling staff cannot complete the form for you over the phone. They can assist with troubleshooting access only. In the rare instance completion over the telephone is required, a nurse will contact the parent/carer.

Yours faithfully,



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NOTES ON COMPLETING THE ONLINE CONSENT FORM

Visit: www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Enter and confirm your email address

Enter your school code: **LE119916** and click find school. Your school name should appear.

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PART 1: Patient Information and Contact Details

Please include your child's NHS number, if available

If you are registered with a GP practice you will already have this number. It is a 10 digit number which is unique to every individual and can be found on their medical card. It can also be found on any letter from the NHS, any prescription and in every child's red book – "my personal child health record".

PART 2: Medical History

Complete the questions regarding vaccination history and any support required during vaccination.

PART 3: Consent Declaration

Complete this to give consent to the flu vaccination.

THIS FORM MUST ONLY BE COMPLETED BY SOMEONE WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. Guidance about parental responsibility can be found at: www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities

Sharing information: After the vaccination at school, a notification will be provided and the information will be added to your child's NHS health record.

To translate the information on the NHS website into a different language visit: www.nhs.uk/accessibility/health-information-in-other-languages