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To whom it may concern,

It is that time of year again and we are all working hard to achieve a positive uptake during the flu programme.

We aim to cause as little disruption as possible to the school day and this can be helped by supporting us with the following and also reading [Flu vaccination programme briefing for primary schools \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612222/flu_vaccination_programme_briefing_for_primary_schools.pdf)

Please take note of the following points:

- 1) It would be helpful if we can have a decent size room with Wi-Fi/appropriate tables and chairs and power points for laptops to support at least 5 members of staff – **Dining rooms are not appropriate as we are not always finished in time for school staff to set up and it is unsafe to be packing up, moving vaccines across school and having to start again, plus this is very disruptive for yourselves. It is a clinical session and if staff feel rooms are inappropriate and unsafe to practice then they will have to cancel the session and reschedule.**
- 2) It is important we have staff members attending the sessions with the children that knows them as there are occasions where we need to confirm names, dates of birth and any medical concerns. (A list of who has consented can be found on the Cinnamon system). We have had incidents where staff have brought the wrong child and insisted it is the correct one which has resulted in a near miss.
- 3) In preparation for the sessions, some schools have been amazing at creating stories/songs, etc around the nasal flu vaccination and the children have been well prepared. **We have attended schools, and the children were not aware of what was happening, therefore became very distressed, resulting in vaccination not taking place.**

- 4) If you have any parents/carers that do not speak English, we can provide information in alternative languages, just let the team know
- 5) If you have any parents/carers that are unable to complete consent online, or struggle to read and write, please **do not** take consent, refer to the team and we can do it over the phone. **Please note the consent form closes at 12 the day before we are coming into school or 12 on a Friday if we are coming Monday.**
- 6) Please note we sometimes require up to date information from schools re contact numbers, parent info, emails, etc, please follow the link re GDPR and information sharing [Data protection in schools - Sharing personal data - Guidance - GOV.UK](#)

****Please note staff will approach you if we have obtained consent for photographs.**

Please could you make parents/carers aware on your platforms of the date (16.10.25 pm) we will be coming into school and make reference to any children with asthma, it is the parent/carers responsibility to notify the team/school of any changes to their medication/condition prior to us arriving.

Please direct any queries to Barnsleysais@swyt.nhs.uk

All staff are DBS checked, if you require a DBS proforma we can send this in advance, please let the team know.

Please feel free to add the following links to resources to your platforms for parents/carers.

[Flu: 5 reasons to get your child vaccinated - Primary School](#) (POSTER)

[Protecting your child against flu; Information for parents and carers](#)

Please share the poster on your platform which has your school and code on to take parents/carers direct to the consent form, as well as our QR code for our website.



QR Code Poster.docx

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The team would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support with the delivery of this programme.

Please do not hesitate to contact the team should you require any further information.

Kind regards

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