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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's flu vaccination is now due

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Please visit <u>www.barnsleysais.co.uk</u> to fill in a consent form (one for each child) to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Your school code is: BN139211

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 won't be protected.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme is provided and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of purified porcine gelatine as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available. Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

If you have any queries, please contact Barnsley SAIS at <u>barnsleysais@swyt.nhs.uk</u> or 01226 438828.

Yours sincerely,

Barnsley School Aged Immunisation Service

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If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma, or they have received the vaccination elsewhere after you have completed the consent form, please contact Barnsley SAIS at <u>barnsleysais@swyt.nhs.uk</u> or 01226 438828.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please visit <u>www.barnsleysais.co.uk</u> to fill in the consent form, giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

For further information see: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

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