



Dear Parent/Legal Guardian

Through the HSE vaccination services the Grants Pharmacy Vaccination Team will visit our school on Monday the 11th of December offering your child the nasal flu vaccine.

The flu vaccine is recommended for all children aged 2-17years. The vaccine that your child is being offered is called Fluenz Tetra. It is a safe and effective vaccine that is given as a nasal spray.

Getting the flu vaccine will protect your child against infection with the flu which sometimes causes complications in children. Complications of flu in children Include:

- Pneumonia
- Bronchitis
- Rarely inflammation of the brain (encephalitis).

Vaccinating your child benefits, them and also benefits their community as children can spread flu to those around them including those who may be older or have underlying conditions.

Please find attached an information leaflet about the nasal flu vaccination in children and an excipient list of ingredients in the vaccine.

For your child to avail of the flu vaccination they must fill in a copy of the consent form which your child will bring home from school and is attached below for home printing. The consent form must be fully filled in and signed by a parent or guardian. No child can get the vaccine without a completed consent form.

You can find further information on the vaccine at www.hse.ie/flu or you can speak to your local Grants pharmacist.

If your child has already received the flu vaccine since September this year or has an appointment already arranged, please do not consent for your child to receive a flu vaccine in school.

There will be a small number of children not able to have nasal spray flu vaccine because of pre-existing medical conditions or treatments. They will be identified by the information provided by you on the attached consent form. If your child falls into this category, they should still be vaccinated against the flu with an injected vaccine unless this vaccination is also contraindicated. The Grants Pharmacy Vaccination Team can make an appointment for this.

Yours sincerely,

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