



Coláiste Bríde

Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

09/10/2024

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian

The Grants Pharmacy Vaccination Team will visit our school on Friday the 18th of October offering your child the nasal flu vaccine as part of the annual HSE Vaccination policy. This service is free to your child. Getting the flu vaccine will protect your child against infection with the flu virus which sometimes causes complications in children. Complications of the flu virus 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. The flu vaccine is recommended for all children aged 2-17 years. 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. 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 the consent form which your child will bring home from school and is attached below for home printing. The consent form must be completed in full and signed by a parent or guardian. No child can get the vaccine without the signed 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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