





Berkshire School Aged Immunisation Team Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due

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

Please complete the electronic consent form (one per child) via the following link: <a href="https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu">https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu</a> and insert your schools (Maiden Erlegh Reading) unique code: BK141886 by 08 December 2020 to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be found on our e-consent website and is also available via: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters</a> and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

If you have any queries, please contact the healthcare team on **0300 365 0077** 

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Church (Immunisation Service Lead)







## **Please Note:**

If your child becomes wheezy, has a bad attack of asthma, or has started oral steroids for their asthma after you return this form, please contact the Berkshire School Aged Immunisation Team on **0300 365 0077** or email us via <a href="mailto:SchoolImmunisationTeam@berkshire.nhs.uk">SchoolImmunisationTeam@berkshire.nhs.uk</a>

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please return the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

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