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Dear Head Teacher

Changes to Flu vaccination programme – new date for your school

There has been a National extension to the timeframes for the flu vaccination programme, in order to offer the best possible experience for young people and schools.

The vaccination session for your school will now be held on **15th December 2021**.

We apologise if this change causes you any disruption, however we hope we have given you enough notice to make this change work for your school.

This year's school vaccination programme has experienced unprecedented demand and rapidly changing expectations. This has resulted in some sessions being postponed and has meant we need to revise our initial plans.

We sincerely apologise that we have needed to change our initial plans and understand how disappointing it has been for the young people and parents affected.

We want to assure you that all young people with parental consent will be offered a nasal flu vaccination in school.

The new programme for flu will run until the 31st January 2022.

We have also secured support from partner GP surgeries and community pharmacists, to ensure we have greater capacity to carry out the programme. They are highly experienced vaccinators (including for children and young people), fully DBS-checked and aware of safeguarding requirements. They will follow the same procedures and vaccination model as the school age immunisation service (SAIS). Your school will be contacted by us separately with further details if your vaccination session is to be administered by one of our partners.

We are extremely grateful for the help and flexibility you have provided us throughout this year and as we head into next year. Our staff have worked extremely hard and at speed to mobilise and adapt the programme for this year and your support has been invaluable – thank you.

If you haven't already please ensure you send the flu consent instructions to parents as soon as possible, so we can make sure we send the right amount of staff to deliver the vaccine.

If you have any further questions, please email: communityimmunisations.service@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Helen Thompson
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