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School: **Merrill Academy**

Dear Headteacher

### **Year 7 SCHOOL BASED FLU IMMUNISATION SESSIONS**

We hope this letter finds you all well. We emailed you during the summer term to let you know that Public Health England had decided that from the new academic year (2020-2021), Year 7 students will be offered the nasal flu vaccination in school. As with the other teenage programmes we continue to use e-consent for the Flu vaccination. The Flu nasal spray will be offered to children in **Year 7 from September 2020**, including those children who have been excluded.

**Please circulate the information for parents which you will find on page 2 of this letter via email/text/newsletter/internet page. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY OF THESE FACILITIES PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL (ABOVE) SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS AN ALTERNATIVE WAY OF CONTACTING PARENTS/CARERS.**

The date for the immunisation session is below; the date may have changed from previous communications due to Covid-19. This can also be found on our website  
<http://www.derbyshireschoolnurses.org.uk/parents/immunisations/immunisation-dates>

**DATE: 13 October 2020**

We aim to fit in with the schools protocol regarding Covid-19 (we move around school or the children are brought to us, either is fine). However where possible could you have the following available for the team on the day to ensure the smooth running of the session:

- A member of school staff to maintain the order and discipline of the pupils.
- A room of sufficient size to accommodate the Immunisation Team, with chairs and tables for the nurses and pupils. The team may consist of between two and six members of staff, depending on the size of the cohort.
- Car parking facilities for the day, or at least provision to drop off equipment.
- Internet access.

The Immunisation Team is able to vaccinate a class of children within 30 minutes; we aim to be at school for the minimum time possible, reducing the disruption to the normal running of the school.



*If, due to sickness, safe practice cannot be maintained sessions may be cancelled without notice.*

Please do not hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team via the contact details at the top of this letter should you have any queries regarding the arrangements for the vaccination programme.

Thank you in anticipation of your acknowledgement and support.

Yours sincerely

**Immunisation Team**

**Please send the information below to parents.**

Dear Parents/Carers



Public Health England have decided that from September 2020 **Year 7 (only)** students will be offered the nasal flu vaccination in school. This is part of a nationwide effort to vaccinate more people against the flu than ever before.

For the past year we have used an e-consent system which we continue to use. **When completing the e-consent, please state the year group your child will be in at the beginning of the school year September 2020.**

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

Your unique school code for **Merrill Academy** is **DC139051**

For more information about the vaccination and the date we are due into your school please visit our website: <http://www.derbyshireschoolnurses.org.uk/parents/immunisations>

**It is unlikely that we will be able to run "catch up" clinics this year so please make sure you complete a consent form before the date we are due into school.**

If you experience any problems please call the School Age Immunisation Team:

**Repton:** 01283 707178

**Clay Cross:** 01246 252953

Or email us [DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net)

