

Important information for Parents of Children in Reception class, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 - Did your child miss the Flu vaccination in school ?

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are aware there is currently a minor but earlier than expected Influenza B outbreak with confirmed paediatric cases of influenza in a neighbouring borough.

Being vaccinated with the child flu vaccine (Fluenz Tetra) provides protection against this strain.

The NHS nurses are providing catch-up sessions at various clinic venues to all children **Reception to Year 4** who missed **the opportunity to be protected against Influenza** through the nasal spray vaccine offered in school October – December 2017.

The following dates and times have been arranged as drop in clinics.

Woodside Health Centre: Tuesday, 16/01/2018 13.30 – 16.30

3 Enmore Road

South Norwood

SE25 5NT

Purley Hospital: Wednesday, 17/01/2018 13.00 - 16.30

Purley War Memorial Hospital

856 Brighton Road

CR8 2YL

Thornton Heath: Friday, 19/01/2018 13.00 – 16.30

61a Gillett Road

Thornton Heath

CR7 8RL

Lennard Road: Monday, 22/01/2018

08.30 – 17.00

12-18 Lennard Road

Croydon

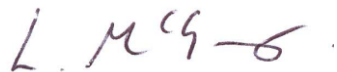
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NHS England has requested that eligible children that missed the vaccine be offered this again as soon as possible. There is a tight timeframe for the programme which must be completed in January. The flu vaccine is given as a simple spray up the nose and is painless, quick, and serious side effects are uncommon. This vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against flu which can be an unpleasant illness and, although rarely, sometimes causes serious complications. By having the flu vaccination, children are also less likely to pass the virus on to friends and family who may be at greater risk from flu including infants, pregnant women, older people and those with an underlying health condition

If you require further information a leaflet explaining the programme can be accessed by visiting www.nhs.uk/vaccinations

If you wish to speak to somebody about the vaccine please contact Loretta McGurry on 02082746443 or email Loretta.mcgurry@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,



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