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Dear Parent/Guardian

FLU VACCINATION OFFER TO CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

We are pleased to confirm that this vaccination will be provided in schools this Autumn/Winter to help protect your child against Flu. This can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

We are due to visit your child's school to vaccinate on:

School:	**Atlantic Academy Portland**	**Reception – Year 6**
Date of Session:	**Tuesday 12th November 2019**	
Unique Session Code:	**paqx6qx4**	
Deadline for submission:	**Wednesday 6th November 2019**	

NB This code is only valid for the above. If you have a child at another school or in another year group you will receive a separate letter with a different code.

You will need to enrol your child for this service and provide consent online instead of filling in a paper form. The simplest way to enrol is using your child's NHS number and their date of birth. If you do not know your child's NHS number you can use their date of birth and full name (as held by their GP).

Please follow the following steps to register and consent for your child:

- Please register your child **online** as soon as you receive this letter using this link: https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/dorset-child-flu-imms
- Enter your child's details and select your phone number or e-mail to receive a verification code. If the contact details are not correct please complete the form here: www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms/dorset-school-aged-immunisation-service
- Once you have registered, you will receive an email back within a few minutes.
- Click on the link in the e-mail to open the online consent form
- Select School Educated and enter the session code shown in RED above.
- You will be asked a series of health questions for your child. There is space to add further information if your child has a health condition or additional needs.

- We will contact you if we require any further information. Please provide a daytime telephone number if possible.
- If you miss the deadline you can still complete a form but will be offered an appointment for a catch-up clinic at a community venue.
- If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, there is a box on the consent form for you to complete and please do tell us why.

If you have any problems registering your child online please check our website: www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/schoolageimms including the Frequently Asked Questions section or complete the Contact Us form. For any other queries e-mail us at dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net

If you are a foster carer or care for a Looked After Child (LAC/Child in Care) from Dorset or BCP Local Authority, please **do not complete this registration** as this will be done by the LAC Health Team nurses. The child's social worker will contact you regarding completion of the health questions. If you have a Looked After Child from another Local Authority please contact your child's Social Worker to discuss as soon as possible.

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 as the strains included vary from year to year.

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme is (attached to this email / available here**:** https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/806857/PHE_Protecting_Child_Against_Flu_leaflet.pdf 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.

Yours faithfully

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