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Re: Flu Vaccinations –rescheduling the date we are visiting your child’s school.

Dear parents/carers,

Public Health England (PHE) has informed us of a delayed delivery of the flu nasal spray vaccine for the schools’ vaccination programme. This delay has affected the vaccine that was due to be given to some children during November/December.

Unfortunately, this means that the flu vaccination session booked at your child’s school on will need to be postponed until we have enough vaccine. Vaccinating children later in the season will still help provide protection for them and their families as flu tends to start circulating in late December/early January.

There are a small number of children who are at increased risk from flu because of an underlying health condition (such as asthma, diabetes, a heart condition, or who have a weakened immune system). It is important that flu vaccination is not delayed for these children. We recommend parents of children at increased risk contact their GP practice to make an appointment for vaccination as soon as possible.

Please note, children who do not have an underlying health condition will not be able to have the vaccine at the GP surgery.

We realise this is disappointing news and we are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We will confirm with the school as soon as possible the rearranged date of the flu vaccination once we have confirmed dates of vaccine delivery.

If your child receives the flu vaccine before the school session, please can you contact the School-aged Immunisation Team on the contact details below. This is to ensure your child is not also vaccinated in school when supply of the vaccine is back to normal.

A leaflet, 'flu vaccination. Information for parents of children and young people up to 18 years of age is available on line / attached:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>

If you require further advice, please do not hesitate to contact:

School-aged Immunisation Team: Tel No: 0151 514 2510

Yours sincerely,

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