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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child's flu vaccination is now due

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

Barnsley School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) will be visiting **Elsecar Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy** on **Friday 22nd November**. Please visit www.barnsleysais.co.uk to fill in **a flu consent form** (one for each child) to ensure your child receives their vaccination. Your school code is: **BN141972**. If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please fill in the consent form giving the reason. This will help us plan and improve the service.

If your child experiences an acute exacerbation of asthma symptoms including those who have had increased wheezing and/or needed additional bronchodilator treatment in the 72 hours before the vaccination session, please contact Barnsley SAIS on 01226 644233.

Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose.

The nasal spray vaccine is the preferred vaccine. A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme is enclosed and includes details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine) as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those

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who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available.

Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

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

If you have any queries, please contact Barnsley SAIS at barnsleysais@swyt.nhs.uk or 01226 644233.

Yours sincerely,

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