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Dear Parent/Guardian

**FLU VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN IN ACADEMIC YEARS Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 5**

From October 2018 all children in academic years Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be offered the flu vaccination.

The vaccine is given as a simple spray up the nose. It is painless, quick, and serious side effects are uncommon. It is designed to protect your child against flu which can be an unpleasant illness and, although rarely may cause serious complications. The flu vaccine provides protection against the strains that are predicted to circulate in the coming season. These strains may change from year to year which is why we recommend receiving the vaccination every year.

Further information can be found at the Public Health England website [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu). This information includes details about children for whom the nasal spray is not appropriate.

For children who are not currently in education or are electively home educated, we are inviting parents to book appointments at our community based sessions across the county.

We are running sessions at Frome Community Hospital, Bridgwater Community Hospital, Parkgate House (Taunton), South Petherton Community Hospital and West Mendip Community Hospital (Glastonbury).

Our community sessions are running from 17<sup>th</sup> December to the 4<sup>th</sup> January, please call Somerset SAINT on 0300 323 0032 to arrange an appointment at one of the above locations.

Yours Sincerely

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