

Dear parent,

We are sorry to inform you that the school flu vaccination session scheduled for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November will be postponed because we will not have enough vaccine until later in the term. We will work with your school to reschedule the session and let you know the new date. 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.

As you may be aware there has been delay to the supply of the children nasal flu vaccine. AstraZeneca, who produce the vaccine (Fluenz Tetra) for the UK, has delayed their delivery of a significant quantity of vaccine that was due to be delivered throughout November.

However, if your child is one of the small number of children who is 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 their flu vaccination is not delayed. These children will be able to get the vaccine from their GP surgery, as general practices have been asked to prioritise the use of their vaccine for them.

Further information is available via [this link](#). (Flu vaccination for under 18-flyer)

We realise this is disappointing news and we are very sorry for the inconvenience this will cause. If you have any queries, please contact Patient experience on

0800 917 2855

Yours sincerely,

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