



Friday, 12 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Flu Vaccine for Year 7-11 Students – Tuesday, 23 November 2021

Sydenham School will be hosting flu vaccinations for students in Years 7-11 on Tuesday, 23 November. If you would like your child to have their vaccine, you must give your consent on the eConsent portal.

Please click on this link to give consent via the eConsent portal: <http://qlink.uk/li8/100741>

There is a video here on how the eConsent portal works: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/7321177>

We were absolutely delighted by the high uptake for the students' Covid-19 vaccinations and were extremely impressed by the way our students stepped up to protect themselves, their families and their community. We hope that they will do the same again this time and take this important step to keep flu out of your home and reduce the impact on our community.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness and can present very real dangers to anyone who catches it, but especially older and more vulnerable people. Allowing your child to have the vaccine will help to protect them from getting the flu and prevent it spreading among more vulnerable family and friends. This is more important than ever this year, with the Covid-19 pandemic ongoing and the significant impact this has had on the NHS.

The vaccination is free and in most cases is a quick and simple spray up the nose offered to children up to Year 11. It will take place within school hours and will be administered by nurses from the Lewisham School Health Immunisation Team.

Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected. The healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure your child is safe from COVID-19 while getting the vaccine.

If you have any questions about the vaccine or require any assistance, please contact the Lewisham School Health Immunisation team on 0203 049 1897 or at lg.shsimmunisation@nhs.net.

Kind regards

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