



17 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 7 Students,

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November the School Nursing Team will be visiting school to administer the Flu Vaccination to our Year 7 students.

I have attached a letter from the School Nursing Team which explains about the vaccination and also gives you their contact details in case you should have any questions or concerns. Earlier this year you will have all been asked to complete an online consent form, but if for any reason you have not given your consent and wish your child to receive this vaccine, please can I ask you to contact the School Nursing Team.

### ***Flu Vaccination – Updated guidance from Public Health England***

*We have been made aware that some parents are concerned that if their child develops a high temperature after having the vaccine, they won't know whether to isolate and book a test or not for Covid-19. The attached documents emphasise why it is important to get the flu vaccine and this link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/> may be useful too. The nasal spray flu vaccine can cause a mild fever which should respond to paracetamol. This does make it difficult to distinguish from Covid. However, the important thing is the timing - does it occur soon after the vaccination, in which case it is more likely to be due to the vaccine. Giving the child a flu vaccine means that the family is less likely to get flu so less likely to need testing and self-isolation.*

Should you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact me by email on: [adaniels@soham-college.org.uk](mailto:adaniels@soham-college.org.uk)

With kind regards,

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