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Dear Headteacher,

The Influenza vaccination programme for this year is starting soon. Influenza can be a very unpleasant illness, and for some people very serious complications can develop. The vaccine plays an important role in protecting the population from the infection, but there are often many questions and concerns surrounding it. The Health Protection Team at Stockport Council has produced a few short educational videos about the flu vaccine, which should hopefully address any issues. We are giving you the links to the videos, so you can use these resources if you think they may be of benefit to staff and parents.

**For 2017 children in the reception year and years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be offered vaccination in school through “Intrahealth”.** All other children including those aged 2 and 3 years of age, or those with an at risk condition\* will be offered vaccination through their General Practitioner.

We have a video which explains the children’s flu vaccination programme, including who is eligible, and how and when it will be administered. <https://play.buto.tv/7WPlf>

Another video deals with the general safety concerns which people have around the vaccine, and also explains how it works and why it is necessary. <https://play.buto.tv/DdhjP>

Last year there were two flu outbreaks in Stockport schools. The risk of an outbreak occurring can be greatly reduced by ensuring that all staff and eligible pupils are vaccinated. The Headteacher of Bramhall High has helped us with another video, where she explains the effect of the outbreak on the school, how it was managed, and any measures they have put in place which help to reduce any impact of any future events. <https://play.buto.tv/lfnfb>

We hope these resources will be of use to you.

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