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Dear colleague

A request for your support for school age immunisations 2020

I am writing to you direct to request your support for our teams trying to establish vaccination clinics in schools this year.

This year, delivery will be particularly complex because we are trying to catch up on deferred general school age immunisations and also trying to deliver the winter influenza vaccine programme which has been extended to include year 7 children.

In addition, the delivery of these programmes is reliant on school access, and we are aware that schools are experiencing significant pressures as a result of managing Covid-19.

These vaccinations are vital to protect children from vaccine-preventable disease. Most of the deferred vaccinations are for children in Year 8 and 9 and for HPV or Meningitis and Tetanus vaccinations.

The flu programme, extended to include year 7 children, will protect children and the wider population from flu. This will help to ensure that schools are minimally affected by circulating 'flu and will also reduce pressure on health services which will be needed to support the ongoing Covid-19 response.



We will do everything we can to reduce disruption as much as possible in the school in order to deliver these important vaccinations to children. If you foresee any specific problems please do let the school immunisation service know as soon as possible so that we can work with you to address any issues and concerns raised.

Many thanks in advance: your support is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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