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Dear Parent / Guardian,

**Update on Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme**

You may be aware that there is currently a UK-wide issue affecting the supply of the nasal flu vaccine for children.

In line with advice from the Scottish Government, NHS Boards have been asked to prioritise current stocks of the vaccine for children at greatest risk from the flu virus aged between 2-5 years old; those aged 5 to 7 years in P1 to P3, and those children aged 5 – 17 with underlying health conditions.

As a result, the vaccination programme for children in P 4 – P7 is being postponed until later in the term when we expect further supplies of the vaccine will be available. If you have a child in P 4 – P7 with a health condition which places them at greater risk of flu (as listed below) please contact your local GP practice to arrange vaccination. Alternative local vaccination arrangements will be put in place for the older children in P4 to P7at a later date.

The current supply issues only affect the nasal flu vaccine offered to children – the adult flu vaccination programme continues to operate as normal.

For more information on the flu vaccine, visit [www.flufacts.scot](http://www.flufacts.scot) or call NHS Inform 0800 22 44 88

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