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Dear Head Teacher,

I am pleased to inform you that NHS England and NHS Improvement have awarded Southern Health Foundation Trust (SHFT) School Age Immunisation Service the contract to deliver immunisations to children within Hampshire schools.

The School Age Immunisation Service is a dedicated team of 40 staff across 4 areas in Hampshire. The team consists of qualified nurses, nurse assistants and administrators.

The school based immunisation programme includes:

- Annual nasal flu vaccination for all pupils in Reception through to year 7 in mainstream schools and children up to their 18th birthday in the eligible special schools, including offer of the quadrivalent vaccine (injection) to under 9's where nasal flu vaccine is contraindicated
- The gender-neutral Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination to all pupils in year 8 with the second dose given in year 9.
- The teenage booster vaccination (Men ACWY & Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio) to all pupils in year 9.
- Under immunised pupils in Year R and Year 6 will be offered MMR/primary vaccines with other year groups signposted to the GP.

Immunisation is a highly cost-effective healthcare intervention, which is estimated to save approximately three million lives a year worldwide. High immunisation rates are key to preventing the spread of infectious disease. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support your school has given to the immunisations team over the past year. We look forward to continuing to work together to improve the uptake of immunisations, which in turn will protect children and young people against vaccine preventable diseases.

Yours faithfully

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