



**STOCKPORT**  
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL



**Health Protection and Control of Infection Unit**  
Stockport Council  
Stockport SK1 3XE

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Dear Headteacher

Please find enclosed a number of Public Health England / NHS Postcards highlighting to parents the importance of their child being up to date with their immunisations when starting in your school.

Would it be possible to ensure that each child starting in Reception class this Autumn is given one of these cards as a useful reminder to parents to ensure that their child has had their second dose of MMR vaccine and also the pre school booster.

If any parents require any further information on these vaccines it can be found at:

- MMR: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>
- Preschool booster: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/4-in-1-pre-school-dtap-ipv-booster/>

Due to the number of schools and cards needed for Stockport, each school has been provided with 36 postcards, if you require any further then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the team (contact details enclosed and also at the top of the page).

### **INFLUENZA**

You will by now have been contacted by Intrahealth who will be visiting the school to provide the childrens nasal flu vaccine programme, which now includes up to year 6 children.

BUT, did you know that the Health Protection Team (based within Stockport Council, contact details above), also provide a vaccination service for your school staff. This is a really successful campaign and I am sure reduces the amount of circulating virus during the winter months.

We have already advertised this service on office online and a number of you have already booked the team into deliver this again in your school. If so please ignore the rest of this letter. However if you haven't already booked the team then please read on!!!

Some of you may have chosen to use the services of Intrahealth (who provide the childrens nasal flu vaccine) for your staff campaign, however please note that they charge more for the vaccine, the school have to stipulate prior to session how many vaccines are needed and the school are charged for that number and NOT the number given, they are also unable to provide more vaccine on the day if this is requested.

We offer a cheaper (but no less effective) vaccine at £7 each, one or two members of staff dedicated to just your school staff, and invoice the school for the number of vaccines given on the day (which could be more or less than the original number suggested).

If you would like to take up this service then please contact [healthprotection@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:healthprotection@stockport.gov.uk) with a suggested date and time and we will do our best to accommodate this for you.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Turner'.

Sarah Turner  
Health Protection Lead Nurse

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## Health Protection Team

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Outside of normal office hours, contact the  
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Team Email Accounts:

**General Enquiries:**

General enquiries & completed outbreak forms should be sent to:  
[healthprotection@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:healthprotection@stockport.gov.uk)

**Training Applications:**

Training applications should be sent to: [protectiontraining@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:protectiontraining@stockport.gov.uk)

### **Dr David Baxter - Consultant in Public Health Medicine**

Provision of clinical advice: infection prevention & control, chemical incidents, major public health incidents in the community, provision of Immunisation/Vaccination Training and outbreak management

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NB: patient identifiable information should ONLY be sent to nhs.net email addresses

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