

The School Nursing Service

SECONDARY SCHOOLS



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School Nurses are qualified nurses with additional training to identify a child or young person's health needs. The School Nurse:

- Works with children from the age of 4 years
- Provides advice and support for parents and young people about immunisations, healthy eating, behaviour, asthma, epilepsy, allergies, bullying, emotional health and wellbeing and sexual health.
- Works in partnership with parents, school staff, GPs, Health Visitors and other agencies e.g. Social Services
- Provides a weekly confidential drop-in service for young people to talk about concerns affecting their health, including access to contraception and condoms

What do School Nurses do?

Health Screening

In year 7 at secondary school your child will receive a health screening questionnaire.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire and return it to the school within three days of receipt.

Additional Health Advice

The School Nurse Team will be involved in providing Personal Social and Health Education within the young person's education.

Opticians provide free eye tests for all children. If at anytime you become concerned about your child's vision either arrange an appointment with your local Optometrist / Optician.

Please ensure your child is registered with a Dentist.

Immunisation

Young People are offered immunisations in line with the UK Immunisation programme, if you are unsure if your child is up to date with the immunisation schedule, please contact your GP practice to check or to arrange an appointment for your child to be immunised.

In Year 8 your child will be offered the HPV vaccine. In Year 9 all children will be offered a meningitis vaccine and the teenage booster to protect against tetanus, diphtheria and polio.

A signed consent form is required for each immunisation which will be sent to you prior to any immunisation being offered by the school nurse.

It is important to remember that the current UK Immunisation programme has prevented many children from becoming seriously ill with infectious diseases, this is why we strongly recommend all children are immunised.

Further information is available from your School Nurse Team.

Your School Nurse Team is:

