

# The School Nursing Service

## PRIMARY 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 up to when they leave school
- Provides advice and support for parents, children and young people about immunisations, healthy eating, behaviour, asthma, epilepsy, allergies, sleep, headache, bed-wetting and soiling
- Works in partnership with parents, school staff, GPs, Health Visitors and other agencies.

### Health Screening

During the first year of primary school your child will have health screening that includes height, weight, vision and hearing tests.

Medical tape may be used to cover eyes during all vision tests therefore please let the School Nurse team know if your child has an allergy to medical tape.

Screening will be carried out at each school in rotation during the school year.

You will receive confirmation of the results of your child's health screening if there are any outstanding health issues the School Nurse will offer you an appointment with herself or the Community Paediatrician.

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

### Additional Health Advice

If your child is not registered with a Dentist please contact NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 for local information.

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.

### Immunisation

Children are offered immunisations in line with the UK Immunisation programme. By the time your child starts primary school he/she should have received their pre school booster and 2nd MMR.

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.

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.

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:

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