

# CYP PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE – SCHOOL NURSING

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**School Nursing** works across Education and Health, providing a link between the school, home and the community. Our aims are;



- To promote the health and wellbeing of all children and young people
- To work with families and young people from five to nineteen years of age
- To work with one school or a group of schools depending on an identified need
- To work together with other Health Services, Education, Social Care and Voluntary Agencies to give children and young people the support they need

**PLEASE NOTE POST THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC THERE MAY BE LONGER WAITING LISTS DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF CATCH UP WORK PROVIDED BUT WE AIM TO MAKE CONTACT WITH YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

- School Nursing staff work with all school age children
- We provide virtual clinics for children, from the age of 7, experiencing problems with Enuresis (night time wetting).
- We are able to refer and signpost to other relevant services and Professionals.
- We use our Request for Support form to accept referrals for children and young people from other services, schools or parents
- We now have a texting service for parents/carers of school age children for advice and support –



**ParentLine - 07312263131**

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**GOOGLE - SCHOOL NURSING DORSET FOR ALL  
THE CONTACT DETAILS AND RESOURCES YOU  
NEED or follow the below link**

**[www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing](http://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing)**

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School Health Nursery Nurses go into schools during the Autumn term to introduce themselves and talk to all the reception classes about 'keeping healthy' and the screening checks they will have –

- hearing checks
- National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
- There is a video explaining the NCMP process which can be viewed by parents/carers and children, the link will be sent in the NCMP notification letter sent to all parents -

<https://vimeo.com/756835583/c959086cdb>

## What is the National Child Measurement Programme?

Every year one million Reception and Year 6 children are weighed and measured through the NCMP, which:

- helps government to plan and provide better health and leisure services for children
- gives you feedback on how your child is developing and a chance to think about any changes you can make to keep them as healthy as possible



- Public Health England (PHE) needs to have a good understanding of how healthy children are, so that the best possible health services and advice can be provided for the children, their families and school communities, where needed.
- As a result, a National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) has been set up, to weigh and measure children, in England, in Reception and Year 6.
- Along with PHE the School Health Nursery Nurses will give feedback on how your child is developing and advice on changes you can make to keep them healthy.



As part of the Healthy Child Programme, all children will have a hearing check during their first year in school. A letter will be sent out by e-mail from schools, giving parents the opportunity to opt out, if they do not want or need a hearing test completed for their child. This is to ensure that any hearing problems do not impact on your child's learning and development.

- If a problem is identified, the hearing results will be shared with Parents/Carers, and with the child's teacher.
- A referral to the Audiology Service may be needed, once consent has been given by the parent/carer.
- If a parent/carer has any concerns about their child's hearing at any time during their school years, they can request a check, via the hearing test consent form that they can access from their school office.

# **SCHOOL ENTRY HEALTH REVIEW & HEARING CHECK**

## **continued**

- You will be sent a Health Questionnaire whilst your child is in reception, please complete and return as advised.
- If you identify any areas of concern the School Nursing Team will be in touch about support or referrals that may be required.



# ADVICE AND SUPPORT VIA Request for Support



Our Request for Support Form aims to provide every parent/carer, school staff, GP or other services (with parental consent), the opportunity to discuss any aspect of a child's health or well being with a member of the School Nursing Team, either via a virtual appointment, face to face or via telephone, where appropriate.

School Nursing can support you with advice on the following;



- Bed Wetting
- Behaviour
- Nutritional Advice
- Sleep
- Toileting
- Emotional Wellbeing
- General Health and wellbeing advice

# CONTACT NUMBER FOR THE SERVICE

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- **Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole and Dorset – 01929 557558**



Every Child Deserves a School Nurse

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