



Our contact details

Your school nurse is:

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And can be contacted at:

Clinic tel:

Mobile tel/text:

(for non-urgent enquiries only)

School nurses are available from
9.00am– 5.00pm Monday to Friday
during term time and school holidays.

Our Patients Matter

Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust aims to provide a high quality services which reflect the needs of our communities. This means listening and responding to comments and concerns to help improve the services we deliver.

If you have any feedback you can speak with a member of staff or contact our

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS).
t: 0300 790 0224

Or contact our **Customer Service Team**
t: 0300 790 0224
e: csd@liverpoolch.nhs.uk

To request this leaflet in an alternative format or languages please contact the

Equality & Diversity Team.
t: 0151 295 3041
e: equality@liverpoolch.nhs.uk

School Nursing

Information for
parents/carers of
primary school age children

Who Are We?

The School Nursing Service is made up of a team of health professionals, committed to promoting the health of school age children from 4 - 19 years, and the wider school community.

School Nurses are registered nurses who have had experience and training in public and child health.

School Nurses are not based within school, but work closely with schools and other health professionals to ensure that any individual health needs are addressed early and that each child achieves his or her full potential.

School Nurses are trained to carry out duties such as:

- Health assessment for all children when they start primary school
- Hearing and distance vision screening, measurements of height and weight
- Health promotion advice and activities
- Signposting you to other information or support services.

When your child reaches school age, your child's records are automatically transferred to us from the Health Visitor.

What Do We Do?

The School Nursing Service works to deliver the Healthy Child Programme, which is a national Department of Health initiative aimed at promoting health and wellbeing for all children.

During your child's first year in school we will undertake a health assessment, which may be in the form of a health questionnaire or a health interview with the school nurse. This will help inform the school nurse about your child's health and enable your child to be included in all routine health screenings at school such as hearing and distance vision checks.

In their reception year and last year of Primary School (Year 6), the School Nurse also undertakes measurements of height and weight as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. This is, in part, to monitor growth patterns of children across the country and to help us plan local health services. Support is also given in Year 6 by the school nursing team for parents and pupils during their transfer from primary to senior school.

If you have any concerns about your child's health or development, we are always happy to discuss them further with you either at home, school, or at your local Health Clinic or Children's Centre.



Confidentiality

The School Nurse provides a completely confidential health service.

From time to time we may encourage you to share particular health information with class teachers or other health professionals, where it is in your child's best interest to do so. However, we will never do this unless you agree for us to do so first.

The Nursing Midwifery Council (NMC) code of conduct states we are under no obligation to share information with teachers or parents if the child does not consent, unless there is risk of significant harm.

We also work closely with our safeguarding team to ensure we work in the best interest of all children at all times.