Confidentiality statement

School nurses provide a confidential service and will not share information about you/your child without your knowledge and consent. However, there may be times when the school nurse needs to do so, for example:

- When they need to find out urgently if you or someone else is at risk of harm
- To help you or someone else who is at risk of harm
- To help stop a serious crime

NHS South of Tyne and Wear (serving Gateshead Primary Care Trust, South Tyneside Primary Care Trust and Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust) is committed to raising the standard of written information for patients, their carers, people who use the NHS and the general public.

For further copies of this leaflet please contact the Modern Matron Tel: 0191 502 6531

This information can be made available in another format or language on request. Please contact the Communications and PR Team Tel: 0191 529 7118 Email: mopil@sotw.nhs.uk
What is the school nursing service?

The school nursing service is made up of school nurses who are registered nurses with additional specialist training or experience in Public Health and working with children of school age.

We support the Government’s aim set out in Every Child Matters, for every child, whatever their background or circumstances, to have the support they need to:

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

The school nurse leads a team of staff nurses and assistants who work with education, health and other professionals to provide a confidential service for your child. Information will not usually be shared without your knowledge and consent.

What we can offer your child in Primary School:

- Health assessments and screening
  This includes a hearing test and height and weight checks in Reception class and height and weight checks in Year 6

- Immunisations
  From time to time, immunisations against particular infectious diseases are offered e.g. vaccine against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR).
  You will always be given information at the time and asked for your consent.

- Advice and support for both children and parents/carers on any health issues including:
  - Growth and development
  - Healthy eating
  - Weight management
  - Behaviour issues
  - Feelings and emotions
  - Bedwetting and soiling
  - Daytime wetting
  - Personal hygiene
  - Dental
  - Additional health and support needs
  - Referral on to other services for specialist help

- Health Promotion
  The school nursing team work with schools to plan and deliver health promotion sessions and events e.g. hand-washing to help keep your child safe from infections or the importance of getting lots of exercise.

You can contact your school nursing team by asking at your child’s school or by ringing

Tel: