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
**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 young people. Information will not usually be shared without your knowledge and consent.

**What we can offer young people in Secondary School:**

- **Immunisations against Infectious diseases**
  
  All students will be offered Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio Booster between 13-18 years of age.

  Girls only will be offered Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine in Year 8 to protect against cervical cancer.

  At times there may be other immunisations which may be offered. You will always be informed at the time and asked for your consent.

- **Advice and support for young people and parents/carers on any health issues including:**
  
  - Feelings and emotions
  - Behaviour issues
  - Diet and weight management
  - Sexual Health
  - Bedwetting, bladder and bowel problems
  - Smoking

- **Health Promotion**

  The school nursing team works 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 effects of smoking and drinking alcohol.

- **Drop In sessions for young people to discuss**

  - General health issues
  - Smoking, alcohol and drugs
  - Sexual health and relationships
  - Emotions and feelings
  - Additional health and support needs

**How to contact us**

You can contact your school nursing team by asking at the School or by ringing

Tel: