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Hearing Checks – Reception Class

As part of the Healthy Child Programme all children will be having a hearing check during their first year in school. A member of the School Nursing Team will carry out this test for the Reception children on Wednesday 18th April 2018 at St Mary's during school hours.

If you do not want your child to have the hearing check, please telephone 01305 631531 or tell the school office. Please complete and return the 'Health Review' form to the school office by Monday 16th April (there is no envelope as mentioned on the form).

Many thanks

SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE

School Entry Health Review



Please complete in black ink and return to your
child's school ASAP in the envelope provided
for the attention of the School Nursing Service

Thank You!

If you would like another copy of this form or would like
further information please visit our website

[www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-
services-hospitals/physical-health/school-nursing](http://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services-hospitals/physical-health/school-nursing)

Name of school: _____

Child's full name: _____

Also known as: _____

Boy/Girl: _____

Date of birth: / /

Child's ethnicity: _____

NHS number: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Names of parents/carers: _____

Daytime contact number: _____

Relationship to child: _____

GP surgery: _____

Dental surgery: _____

HEARING CHECK

As part of the Healthy Child Programme, all children will have a Hearing Check during their first year in school, carried out by the School Nursing Service:

- This will help to ensure that, if there is an unknown hearing loss, it does not impact on their learning and development.
- If your child is found to have any difficulty with their hearing, we will share this with their teacher.
- You will be informed in writing of your child's hearing check results.

If you do not want your child to have this very important check, or you have any questions:

- Please let us know using the relevant local School Nursing Service telephone number within **two weeks** of receiving this.

Your child will also receive a routine Vision Screen in school by the Orthoptist during their Reception year. Your local optician is also able to carry out a free Vision Test.



HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

1) Has your child had their pre-school booster injection at your Doctors?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If No, please arrange with your Doctor. For more information, please visit www.nhs.uk

2) Is your child affected by any of the following? Please tick if applicable:

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Anaphylaxis | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (severe allergies) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mild/Moderate Allergies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Epilepsy or Seizures | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please state) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you ticked any of the above, please give details along with any treatment your child has had: _____

3) Does your child take any medication or tablets regularly? If YES, please give details: _____

DEVELOPMENT

4) Are you concerned about any of the following for your child? Please tick if applicable:

Wetting ☐ night ☐ day ☐
Soiling ☐ night ☐ day ☐

Does your child wear a prescribed continence product? ☐

Speech	<input type="checkbox"/>
Behaviours	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clumsiness	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sleeping	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have ticked any of the above, please give details, including any treatment and name of Doctor/Specialist, or Department where your child is seen: _____

5) Do you have any other concerns about your child? Is so, please give details: _____

A Parent and Carer's Guide: Your Child's Electronic Patient Record and Information Sharing

Today, electronic healthcare records are stored in many places, including hospitals and GP practices. In Dorset, the Dorset HealthCare Community and Child Health Service uses an Electronic Patient Record (EPR) system called SystmOne. This system has been specially designed to hold your child's clinical and health information confidentially and in one place.

This means that Dorset HealthCare staff directly involved in your child's care - such as your Health Visitor or School Nurse, some therapists such as Speech and Language Therapists and your GP (if also using SystmOne) - will be able to read and add to your child's shared health record. This will help staff directly involved in your child's care to better understand your child's needs and be able to work together with you to make better decisions about your child's care.

How will this help?

Holding your child's health information in one place will help us ensure your child receives better quality services more easily and more quickly.

- You will not need to repeat the same information to different healthcare professionals.
- Healthcare staff will have full information about your child's health, reducing any delays which could happen when information was shared previously by letter, phone call or fax.
- The system is fully backed up, which means there is no risk that your child's health record could be lost or damaged.
- Only those healthcare staff directly involved in the care of your child will be able to access the electronic record.

Unless specified, your child's health information will be held in one place as a single record and shared with the NHS healthcare staff directly involved in their care. If you have any concerns about this, please contact the School Nursing Team on the number below.

What about sharing with non NHS organisations?

We will not normally release any information about your child to any other person or organisation without seeking your permission first. Healthcare staff work closely with colleagues in other agencies who deliver services that make a positive difference to the lives of children and their families. We are able to refer families to access this type of support if needed and, in most circumstances, you will be asked for your consent to share information with them. We will not share your child's health record directly with them but will ask for your consent to share relevant information.

If we feel that a child's wellbeing is at risk, we can share their information without consent, enabling us to act in the best interest of the child to improve their wellbeing and keep them safe from potential harm. However, your child's information will only be shared with the people directly involved in their care and who have a genuine need to be informed.

Your rights

Your child has the right to privacy and every member of staff involved in your child's care has a duty of confidentiality covered by:

- The Data Protection Act 1998
- The Human Rights Act 1998
- Professional Codes of Conduct

At any time, you

- have the right to refuse to have health information held as a single shared record
- have the right to request access to information held about your child.

Where can I get further information?

Please visit our website to access the 'Patient and Personal Information and Confidentiality' leaflet. This gives you further information on how we protect your child's confidentiality and keep your child's information safe. <http://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk>

Or contact

School Nursing Team, Yeatman Hospital
Telephone contact number: 01305 361531

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)
Freephone 0800 587 4997
Email: dhc.pals@nhs.net

Advice available

The School Nursing Team offers the following:

- Health Promotion & Education
- Health screening & assessment
- Healthy eating & weight management
- Drop in sessions at school for parents & young people
- Immunisations
- Parenting advice
- Bed-wetting (enuresis) clinics
- Signposting for Sexual Health and SmokeStop support
- Referrals to other services
- Training for school staff
- Emotional health and wellbeing support

Useful websites

Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust – [https://](https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services-hospitals/physical-health/school-nursing)

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Healthy Lifestyles/Eating – www.nhs.uk/change4life

Helping children with bedwetting daytime wetting or soiling problems – www.eric.org.uk

Information, advice and support for young people affected by mental health – www.youngminds.org.uk

Contact details for your local School Nursing Team

Bournemouth	01202 443035
Poole	01202 711538
Christchurch, East Dorset	01425 891162
Dorchester, North Dorset, West Dorset & Weymouth and Portland	01305 361531
Purbeck	01929 554462

If we are not available when you call, please leave a message. Please leave your name and daytime contact number and a member of the team will return your call as soon as possible.

If you have any suggestions or comments about the School Nursing Service, please contact your local School Nurse, via the numbers above, through your child's school or via our website:

www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk

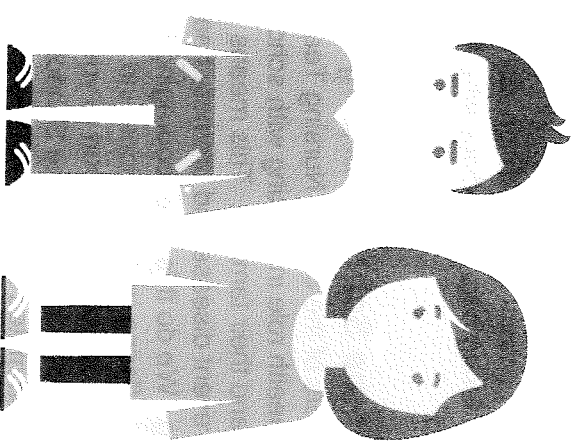
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Introducing your

School Nursing Team

Your School Nursing Team consists of a School Nursing Lead, Specialist Public Health Practitioners, School Health Staff Nurses and Nursery Nurses. They are all trained to work with children, families and school staff for the benefit of each child's health and development. Nursery Nurses usually work with children up to the age of 8 years.

Each member of the Team has links with many other professionals who also work with children including Community Paediatricians, Health Visitors and Speech and Language Therapists. A member of the School Nursing Team visits your child's school and several other schools in the area. Our aim is to provide all members of the school community with a high standard of service, offering help and advice whenever it is needed.

Role of the School Nursing Team

All members of the School Nursing Team have a public health role in working with school aged children and their families. This means that we aim to prevent disease and promote health and wellbeing. We do this by encouraging healthier lifestyles, offering immunisations and giving information, advice and support to young people and their families. The School Nursing Team is committed to safeguarding all children & young people and adhere to Local Safeguarding Children's Board procedures. Each school has a named school nurse who maintains regular contact with their allocated schools.

Before children start school their Health Visitor meets with the school nursing team to transfer their care to the School Nursing Service.

When will you meet us?

During the autumn term a member of the Team will visit each reception class to introduce the School Nursing Team to the children with the help of our teddy bear 'Healthy Ted'. Healthy Ted is used as a health education tool to explain to the children about 'keeping healthy' and the screening checks we offer.

During your child's Reception year, we will send you a letter which contains a health questionnaire to complete on your child's behalf. This will allow us to understand any needs your child may have now they have started school. In addition we will offer your child hearing screening as part of the School Entry Health Review.

We will see your child for the hearing check in the company of a classmate. If you do not want your child to have a hearing check, please telephone the number on the questionnaire. You will be informed of the results of the hearing check in writing.

The National Child Measurement Programme

The NHS needs to have a good understanding of how children are growing across the country, so that the best possible health services can be provided for them. As a result, a National Child Measurement Programme has been set up to weigh and measure children in England in Reception and Year 6.

You will be sent a letter and information about the programme when your child's class is due to take part. You are given the option of opting out of this programme if you wish. If your child is identified as being underweight or very overweight parents/carers will be informed of the results of their child's measurements, by post, within 6 weeks of the measurement date. You will also receive a follow up phone call from your School Nursing Team.

Drop-ins and ChatHealth

A drop-in is an open access service that the School Nursing Service provides in schools, where appropriate. It provides you with the opportunity to "drop-in" without an appointment, to discuss any aspect of your child's health or well being with a member of the School Nursing Team. The service is confidential. You will find the Drop-In advertised in school newsletters and on posters in school. You can also ask at the school office or contact us direct.

Young People in year 7 and above are invited to attend drop-ins or ask for a referral to their school nurse, as appropriate, to discuss any concerns in a confidential way. The School Nurse must have parental consent to see children in year 6 and below.

Young people in year 7 and above can also contact ChatHealth, a confidential School Nursing messaging service, providing contact with a School Nurse who can provide health related advice and support, the text number is 07480 635511

Immunisations in school

Currently, children in Years R, 1, 2, 3 and 4 are offered the flu vaccination (nasal spray vaccination).

Girls in Year 8 will be routinely offered the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination.

All young people in Year 10 are offered the 3 in 1 teenage booster vaccine: Tetanus, low dose Diphtheria and inactivated Polio together with the Meningitis ACWY vaccine.

Hearing tests

If at any time you have concerns regarding your child's hearing please contact your School Nursing Team who can arrange to complete a hearing test in school and refer on to the Audiology Service if appropriate.