

Wigan School Nursing Service SNS2 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

Secondary School Offer: 0-19 Service Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – School Nursing

Please read through our update advising you of our offer now that your child has moved from Primary School to Secondary School.

Our School Nurses provide health information, health assessments and a range of public health programmes to children attending primary, secondary, alternative, and special schools in Ashton, Leigh and Wigan and for children educated at home and living in the Borough.

Our locality-based teams allocate a Named School Nurse for each school.

You can find more information on [Wigan's local offer](#) for parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities here
<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Special-Educational-Needs-and-Disability/Local-Offer/index.aspx>.

School Nurse duties include the delivery of [The Healthy Child Programme 5-19](#) providing secondary school families access to:

- Advice and support from a qualified nurse on health-related issues
- Qualified nurse contribution to health and safeguarding plans
- Advice on topic areas, such as puberty, mental health and well-being, risk-taking behaviours, smoking, diet and exercise and sexual health
- Support with referral and signposting to other services in Health, Local Authority and Voluntary Sector
- Transition support between Primary and Secondary school to assist with the continuity of health care for children with medical conditions
- School age Immunisations.

The School Nursing service will be delivering the **Immunisation Programme 2022/2023** which covers: -

ALL YEAR 8 PUPILS

HPV (Human Papillomavirus Vaccine) given in two injections approx. 6 months apart.

ALL YEAR 10 PUPILS

Meningitis ACWY immunisation booster and a low dose Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio immunisation booster (given on the same day).

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We will send you further information via your child’s school which will include a consent form. This must be completed by someone with parental responsibility and returned to school to ensure your child will receive their vaccination.

For more information on all vaccinations please see <https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/> If you think your child has missed any of their immunisations such as MMR or if you require any further guidance, please contact your child’s GP or Practice Nurse.

We offer all high schools a confidential weekly drop-in for pupils where they can access support around any health issues on an individual basis. Some schools will opt into our enhanced drop-in provision which covers sexual health and relationship issues. This is called Clinic in a Box.

Can you look at the checklist below covering some key health reminders to have in place as your child settles into high school.

Is your child registered with a dentist?	✓
Is your child accessing free eyesight checks?	✓
Is your child registered with a GP?	✓
Have you notified school of your child’s medical needs (e.g., Asthma, Allergies etc.)?	✓
Ask school about their ‘Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions’ policy	✓
Give the school correct and in date medication (inhaler, auto-injector etc) as required.	✓
Update school of any medication changes for your child. (Children’s medication should be reviewed by their GP or Practice Nurse)	✓

For more information on any of our services you can check out our webpage on www.wwl.nhs.uk/school-nursing or call to speak to one of our Nurses on **01942 482111**.

This is a duty line and has a secure answer machine where you can leave a message. To help us respond efficiently please leave your name, your contact number and your child’s name and school with a summary of your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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