

South Ribble 0-19 team contact number Tel- 03002470040

Dear Parents,

Hello from the school health team,

Please see below information regarding the school health service for all school aged children.

As your child is starting primary school in September your child's care will transfer from your named Health Visitor to the School Nursing Team. School Nurses are registered nurses who have undertaken additional specialist training. We work in a skill mixed team with Health Visitors, Staff Nurses, Nursery Nurses and Health Care Support Workers. We have close links with other professionals and if needed with your consent can refer children on to appropriate services.

The School Nursing team work to implement the Healthy Child Programme monitoring your child's health and promoting a healthy lifestyle. We will see your children or liaise with you at core contacts throughout your child's years in school as follows:

Reception: Height and Weight Screening (National Child Measurement Programme) and School Health Needs Assessment

Year 6: Height and Weight Screening (National Child Measurement Programme) and School Health Needs Assessment

Year 9: School Health needs assessment questionnaire



The school vaccination program is completed by the immunisation team

Once your child has started School the School Nurse team can provide you with help, advice and support on a range of physical and emotional health problems. The School Nurse team is available to offer parents/carers or pupils advice on a variety of health related issues and refer on to appropriate professionals where needed. We ensure children who have complex additional medical needs have care plans in school and we provide annual training to teaching staff dealing with medical issue such as asthma, Anaphylaxis management and Epipen administration.

If your child has a significant medical need that may affect them in school e.g. Severe asthma, they may require a care plan. Medicine administration such as antibiotics, eczema creams or salbutamol administration for well controlled asthma can be managed through liaison with school. Please make us aware prior to September if you feel a care plan may be required so that we can complete the care plan and provide school with appropriate advice and support before the start of the school year.

If you have any concerns about your child's health and well-being please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you to help your child realise their full potential in health and education.

Many Thanks The School Health Team South Ribble Children and Families 0-19 Team Tel 0300 247 0040