

### The School Nursing Service in Primary Schools



The School Nursing team are the key professional in supporting children and young people in the developing years of 5-19 to have the best possible health and education outcomes. The team is a skill mixed team which is led by a specialist community public health nurse and aims to be accessible, responsive and offer a confidential year round service operating Monday to Friday 9-5.

The School Nursing team offer support and advice and early intervention over a wide range of health related matters with care tailored to meet individual need as well as offering health promotion on a wide number of health topics. The school nurse-

- Provides health advice and support to schools, children and young people and their parents or carers
- Supports the school to meet the health needs of children and families with special needs and complex medical needs
- Undertakes immunisation programmes
- Weighs and measures primary school children aged 4-5 years (Reception) and 10-11 years (Year 6), forming part of the National Child Measurement Programme. The programme was set up in line with the Government's strategy to tackle obesity.
- Makes referrals to specialists
- Provides health education in school
- Safeguards and promotes the welfare of children and young people Promotes healthy lifestyle choices to individuals, families and communities

Young people, parents and carers are welcome to contact the team on any health matter and seek confidential advice and support. Please either contact your School Nursing team via school or by contacting the health centre nearest you on the following numbers

**Brighouse Health Centre- 01484 728946**

**St Johns Health Centre - Halifax 01422 307314/ 307316**

**Nursery Lane Health Centre -Ovenden 01422 367168**

**Valley Medical Health Centre-Hebden Bridge 01422 841217**

We are committed to continual improvement and would welcome feedback on the services you receive.