



School Nurses are all qualified nurses, often with additional specialist qualifications in Public Health.

Each School has a named school nurse who is the key health care worker in school. School nurses work with children from four years nine months up to 16 years of age.

The School Nursing Team provides services for children, young people and their families within their home, their schools and in community settings.

The school nurse is the link to the School Health Team. Parents, carers, and young people can use the School Nursing Service by contacting the school or calling the number at bottom of the page.

What does the School Nursing Team provide?

In primary school:

Every child is offered a school entrance health assessment, usually in the term of their 5th birthday. Children receive an assessment of their height and weight in Year 6 as part of the National Child Measurement Programme.

Health assessments in primary education can be carried out at any age with parental consent.

These include:

- Growth monitoring
- Vision screening
- Hearing tests
- Health promotion
- Transition Health Review



Children educated at home:

Children and young people educated at home can still access the school nursing service that would be provided in a school setting by contacting the number below.

In secondary school:

In secondary education young people are encouraging to assess their own health needs and emotional wellbeing.

Other services include:

- Drop in services
- Sexual health clinics
- Health promotion activities
- HPV Immunisation programme.



The School Health Team also provides preventative programmes in schools which aim to improve future health and wellbeing. This may include issues such as obesity, sexual health, alcohol, smoking, and substance misuse.

The School Health Team supports and signposts to other appropriate services including:

- Health Visiting
- Community Nursery Nurses
- Community Paediatricians

The School Health Team work closely with:

- Education and safeguarding teams
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- Contraception and Sexual Health Services
- GPs
- Teachers
- Social Care
- Other health services, e.g. Speech and Language, hearing and vision clinics
- Children Continence Service



How to Contact Your School Nursing Team

Please contact your School Nursing Team at:

Shirley Health Centre
Grove Road
Shirley
Southampton
SO15 3UA

Tel: 02380 347277

**If you have concerns about a child
please contact Children's Social Care
on:**

**02380 833336
Or**

**Southampton City Council Children's
Services Website**