

# Information for parents and carers about the

School Nursing Team  
School Immunisation Team  
Special Needs School Nursing Team



**Our School Nursing, School Immunisation and Special Needs School Nursing teams see children who attend mainstream and special needs schools throughout their school lives. Children who do not have a school place or are waiting for one also come under the care of our School Nursing teams.**

We share information about healthy lifestyles and offer support to children and families at times when extra help is needed. This includes help with emotional difficulties and coping with long-term health conditions.

We also provide support, advice and signposting on a range of health issues that can affect a child or young person. These may include:

- emotional and mental health issues
- healthy eating and weight management
- continence issues
- immunisation advice and administration
- support for young carers
- health conditions requiring medication in school, and
- toilet training workshops for children with additional needs.

If your child has a health issue and you want to discuss it with us, please get in touch using the contact details on the back of this leaflet. If your child is in school, you can also discuss your concerns with your child's class teacher who can complete a referral form to the school nursing teams.

Our Family Health Services website Better Lives, Healthy Futures has lots of helpful information you can trust, produced by the School Nursing teams and other health and wellbeing experts to support parents and carers of school age children:

**<https://www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/>**



## Before your child starts school

### Immunisations

It is important that all children are fully immunised before starting school. This includes a pre-school booster and second MMR vaccine (measles, mumps and rubella). Please contact your GP if your child has not received these pre-school immunisations, or you have any concerns regarding this.

Our School Immunisation team delivers the government approved immunisation schedule throughout your child's school years both in schools and clinics. If you need advice about immunisations when your child is five years old, or starts school, you can contact our Immunisation team, or the Special Needs School Nursing team if your child has a confirmed school place.

## When your child is in reception class

### Height, weight and hearing screening

We offer height and weight measurement for all children in school and also check their hearing. Parents and carers are informed of their child's results.

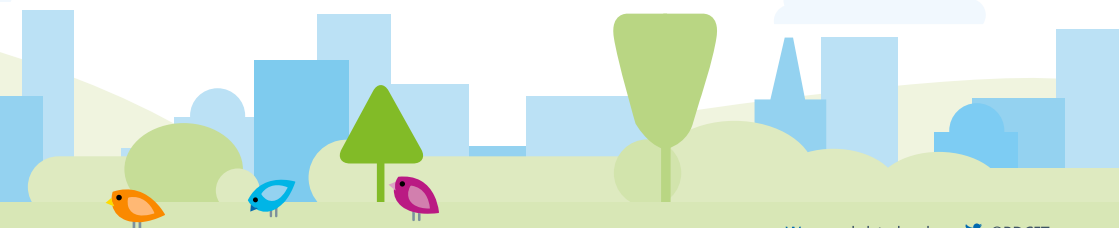
If you do not wish your child to be seen, or your child is currently attending a growth or hearing clinic and you do not wish us to screen them, please contact the School Nursing or Special Needs School Nursing Teams using the contact details on the back of this leaflet.

### Health questionnaire

The School Nursing team will ask you to complete an online questionnaire about your child's health and wellbeing. Once you have completed this, we may contact you to discuss your child's health. You and your child will also complete a further questionnaire in year six.

The Special Needs School Nursing team will complete a health assessment with you once your child's special school place is confirmed. These assessments are regularly reviewed and updated.

If your child does not have a school place, we can invite you to a clinic appointment or discuss this further. Please contact the School Nursing or School Immunisation team if you would like to book this.



## Contact us

To opt out of any screening, or to discuss your child, please contact us

**School Nursing team - 01274 221203**

**School Immunisation team - 01274 221269**

**Special Needs School Nursing team - 01274 251440**



## Comments or complaints

Our teams always aim to offer a high-quality service and be as helpful as possible. Your feedback helps us to improve, especially if we fall short and you are dissatisfied by our service. If you have a comment or complaint, please call 01274 251440 or email [advice.complaints@bdct.nhs.uk](mailto:advice.complaints@bdct.nhs.uk)

## Keeping health information safe and secure

Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust's School Nursing, School Immunisation and Special Needs School Nursing teams are committed to keeping your personal information secure. Any information you share with us will only be used in compliance with the Data Protection Act. Health information about your child will only be shared with your consent.

Queries regarding the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulations can be directed to the Data Protection Officer at: The Information Governance and Records Management Team, New Mill, Victoria Road, Saltaire, West Yorkshire, BD18 3LD or phone 01274 363629.