



Hertfordshire
Family Centre
Service

School Nursing

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Winter 2022

Public Health Nursing 5-19 Team Newsletter

Welcome!

As a new term begins, the school nursing team continues to support children in Hertfordshire Schools.

Ways to contact us:

0300 123 7572 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

Our referral website, which also has information about our service:

<http://ow.ly/eeWe50KI1gW>

Please see below our Workshop link, with lots of advice and support on your child's emotional health, returning to school, and more.

<http://ow.ly/Qn9G50KI17f>



www.healthforkids.co.uk

A fun and interactive website for children to access health information, with also information for parents available.

Who we are?

Hi! I am Chloe, a Public Health Staff Nurse who works in the school nursing team.

My role is to support children and young people with their emotional health and wellbeing, conducting the Lancaster model questionnaire in school and supporting other professionals with public health advice.

Being a qualified paediatric nurse, I have experience in a variety of settings, which can help to offer advice and support to children, young people and their families.



Keeping your child safe online

Talking with your child is the greatest tool keeping them safe online. Talking regularly and making a part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed when having these conversations about staying safe online. This will encourage your child to come and speak to you if they have any problems online.

Parental controls

Parental controls allow you to block or filter upsetting or inappropriate content that your child may access. Parental controls work across devices, Wi-Fi, and individual apps.

Parental controls can help you to:

- Plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for.
- Block apps and websites that may have inappropriate content depending on your child's age.
- Manage the content different family members can see if using a shared device.

For further support please see NSPCC website for guidance on how to apply parental support:

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

Relaxation Exercise

Visualisation is a great technique to make your child feel calm and relaxed.

Imagining they are some where else, like the beach or a theme park, may help distract their thoughts and calm down quicker.



Top Tip

Practicing calming techniques when children are in a good place and not feeling stressed, will help them to use techniques more effectively in situations when they really need them.

Top tips for dental health

You can make sure your child's teeth are healthy by:

- Brushing their teeth for at least two minutes, twice a day using toothpaste (using a timer is helpful for this).
- Using toothpaste with fluoride provides further protection to teeth.
- Making sure they brush every bit of each tooth, front, back, top and bottom.
- Visiting your dentist at least 6 months/once a year.

If you do not have a dentist for your child, you can visit the NHS website or contact 111 to find one nearby.



Eye Development

With our Healthy Child & Young Person Assistants (HCYPA) visiting schools to complete the vision and hearing screening on reception aged children, we wanted to share some tips that may help with promoting healthy eye development.

- It is recommended that children should spend at least 2 hours outside every day, all year round, for exposure to natural light.
- Screen time should be limited to 30 minutes at time.
- Too much screen time can cause eye fatigue, blurry vision and dry eyes.



If your child is referred to eye clinic following screening, please ensure you attend to have your child's eye health followed up and offered the correct treatment if needed.

For any questions regarding your child's vision or hearing screening, please contact:

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Want to know more about the Public Health School Nursing team in Hertfordshire?

Check out our platforms:



[https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/info-and-advice/
parents-and-mums-to-be/school-nurses.aspx#](https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/info-and-advice/parents-and-mums-to-be/school-nurses.aspx#)

www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing



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Confidential text message service ran by the school nursing team
for 11-19 year olds. Text in any health and wellbeing concerns



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9am – 5pm Monday to Friday
(excluding bank holidays)