

**Wigan School Nursing Service
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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Letter of introduction: 0-19 Service Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust – School Nursing**

As your child has started school, their care will pass from the Health Visitor to the School Nurse.

Our School Nurses provide health information, health assessments and a range of public health programmes to children attending primary, secondary, alternative, and special schools in Ashton, Wigan and Leigh and to children educated at home and living in the Borough.

Our neighbourhood-based teams allocate a Named School Nurse for each school.

School Nurse duties include the delivery of [The Healthy Child Programme 5-19](#) providing primary school families access to:

- Advice and support from a qualified nurse on health-related issues
- Height and weight measurements for Reception and Year 6 children as part of the National Child Measurement Programme
- Hearing Screening for Year 1 pupils
- Qualified nurse contribution to health and safeguarding plans
- Support with referral and signposting to other services in the Health, Local Authority and Voluntary Sector
- Transition support between Primary and Secondary school to assist the continuity of health care for children with medical conditions.

For more information on [Wigan's local offer](#) for parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) and young people with SEND go to <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Special-Educational-Needs-and-Disability/Local-Offer/index.aspx>

Can you look at the checklist below covering some key health reminders to have in place as your child settles into primary school, some you will know, and some may be new to you.

- **Is your child registered with a dentist?**
- **Is your child accessing free eyesight checks?**
- **Is your child registered with a GP?**

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- **Have you notified school of your child's medical needs (e.g., Asthma, Allergies etc.)?**
- **Ask school about their 'Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions' policy.**
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- **Give the school correct and in date medication (inhaler, auto-injector etc) as required.**
- **Update school of any medication changes for your child.**
- **(Children's medication should be reviewed by their GP or Practice Nurse).**
- **PRE-SCHOOL BOOSTER: Check with GP or Practice Nurse that your child's immunisations are up to date before they start school**
<https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/>

We have included additional information on pre-school immunisations
[UKHSA Guide to Immunisations pre-school leaflet.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

For more information on any of our services you can check out our webpage on
www.wwl.nhs.uk/school-nursing or call to speak to one of our Nurses on **0300 707 1091**.

This is a duty line and has a secure answer machine where you can leave a message. To help us respond efficiently please leave your name, your contact number and your child's name and school with a summary of your enquiry.

Yours sincerely

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