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Dear Year 7 Pupil and Parent/Carer,

Re: Solihull School Nursing Service

Your child has reached another big milestone and will be transferring to Year 7 in Secondary School very soon!

Every Secondary School in Solihull has an allocated, qualified Nurse who works for the NHS Solihull School Nursing Service, as part of South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust. The Nurse will be a regular visitor into school, offering a confidential Drop-In Service and Appointments for pupils to access. Pupils can request to see the School Nurse about any concerns they have regarding their health and well-being. School Nurses also offer Health Promotion activities within School and within the local Community.

Young people can also contact the School Nursing Team via our Confidential Text Messaging Service, called **Chat Health** on **07520 615 730**.

The School Nurse will respect the confidentiality of any young person, unless it is felt the young person might be at risk of significant harm.

Year 9 Health Review: The Department of Health recommends that pupils in Year Nine receive a Health Review by the School Nursing Team. In order to achieve this, your child will have the opportunity to complete a simple online questionnaire about their general, physical and emotional health and wellbeing. We will send you further information regarding this nearer the time.

Vaccinations: In England, since September 2019, all boys and girls have both routinely been offered the first Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination when they're in Year 8 at school. The second dose is usually offered 6-12 months after the first.

When your child is 14 years of age, they will be due a Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (DTP) Vaccination alongside a Meningitis C Vaccination (School Leaver's Booster) which is available from the Immunisation Team in School.

Further information is available from the School Nurse immunisation Team on 0121 465 1602 or www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/imms.

The Summer Holidays provide a good opportunity to ensure that your child is up to date with their Childhood Immunisations. If you would like any information regarding this, please contact your GP Surgery or the School Nursing Service.

Dental Care: It is important that your child is registered with a dentist and attends regular appointments. Dental Care for children is free. If you require information about how to register with a Dentist, please call the NHS Helpline on 111 or go to www.nhs.uk to find a dentist near you.

Eye Care/Vision: All NHS registered opticians provide free eye checks for children under the age of 16. It is vital to have a vision screening test even if your child does not display any signs of visual impairment, as there may be an underlying condition that only the optician can detect.

For more health information and access to local services please visit our website:
www.healthforkids.co.uk/solihull

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you require any further help, support or advice. You can contact us by telephone on 0121 726 6754, or via our Confidential Text Messaging service, called **Parent Line**, on **07480 635 496**, to discuss any concerns or worries you have regarding your child's health and wellbeing. School Nursing can offer support via either a virtual contact, telephone call or by a face to face appointment. You can also visit <https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/solihull/> which has lots of useful information on various topics.

Yours sincerely,

Solihull School Nursing Team



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