

Your School Nurse is:

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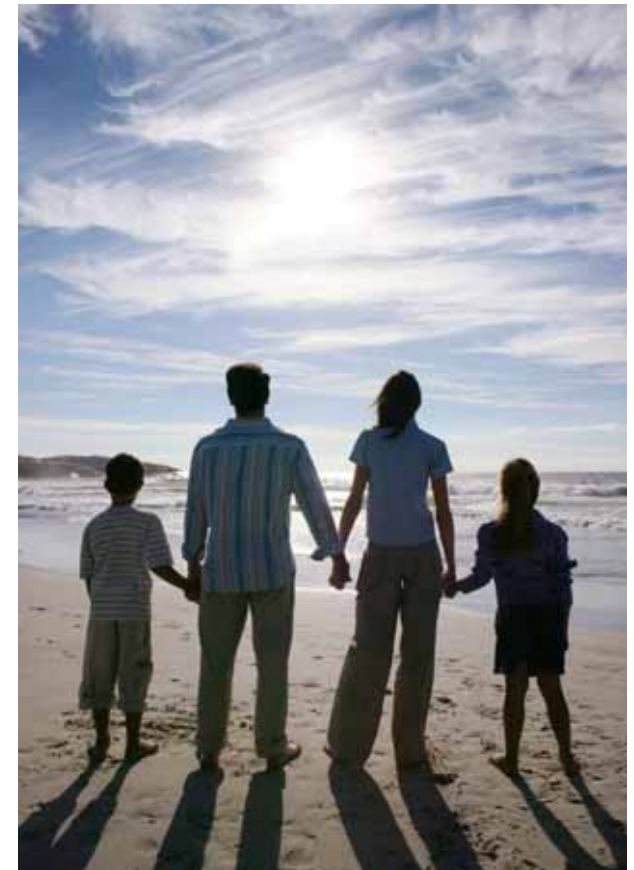
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*Please note that all School
Nurses carry an identity
card.*

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The School Health Service



What is a School Nurse?

School Nurses are trained nurses who are part of a Public Health Team. They work with all school aged children and their families.

Every school in North Devon has a named School Nurse who is assigned to their particular school.

School Nursing Assistants are part of the School Health Team and work under the supervision and direction of the School Nurse.

What does the work of a School Nursing Team include?

- Checking your child's height, weight, hearing and vision.
- Providing a listening service for parents and/or children wishing to discuss their health matters
- Arranging any medical assessment or advice to help children to make the best of their education.
- Organising immunisation sessions.
- Working with children who have special needs, and referring to appropriate agencies in consultation with parents/carers as required.
- Promoting health to individual children, parents and groups.
- Formulating individual healthcare plans for children with special medical needs
- Providing education and training sessions on health care issues to school staff and families

The School Nurse will work with you to help you make informed decisions about your child's health and also works alongside other professionals including:

- Paediatricians
- Health Visitors (Public Health Nurses)
- Social Workers
- Educational Psychologists
- Hospital Staff
- General Practitioners
- Teachers and School Staff
- Educational Welfare Officers
- Extended Schools Co-ordinators
- Speech and Language Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

How can you help your School Nurse?

Your School Nurse is responsible for a number of schools and many children/young people.

To ensure best use of her time, it would be helpful if you could please:

- Be on time for any arranged appointment.
- Cancel any appointment you cannot keep as early as possible.
- Let her know if there are any changes in your child's health, name or details, i.e. change of address.
- Inform her in writing if you do not consent to your child being seen at school.

**The School Nursing Services
aims to promote the value of
good health for all children in
North Devon**