

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Year 6 Health Programme 2022/23

Connect for Health, your school nursing service, is provided by Compass and commissioned by Public Health Warwickshire to provide a high quality, accessible and confidential service that improves the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Warwickshire.

Good health is linked to educational attainment; therefore the healthier children are, the more likely they are to attend school regularly, focus and participate in lessons and achieve their potential. In line with government guidelines, all Year 6 children in Warwickshire are offered a comprehensive health assessment through an online health questionnaire.

## **Online Health Questionnaire**

We are inviting your child to complete an online health questionnaire. This questionnaire will help to assess your child's physical and emotional health and wellbeing and will be completed during school time. You will be able to access your child's responses via a secure parent/carer portal : https://www.compass-uk.org/primary-parent-sign-up

A nurse will review your child's completed questionnaire and may contact you to offer health advice, information and support.

Prior to completion of the questionnaire, your child's school may share relevant information about your child's health and wellbeing with Connect for Health.

If after reviewing your child's completed questionnaire any concerns are identified about their health and wellbeing, Connect for Health may share details of these concerns with the Head teacher or appropriate staff member of your child's school so that the service can co-ordinate the response between themselves, the school and yourself to reach the best outcome for your child.

Connect for Health follows Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Board policies and procedures.

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All questionnaires collected are stored securely on electronic patient systems. Data from the completed health questionnaires enables Connect for Health to develop population based Public Health reports which are shared with schools. These reports enable us to support schools in working with families to address the health and wellbeing needs of pupils. All data is anonymised and collated prior to being shared with other agencies e.g. Public Health Warwickshire, Schools.

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As your child progresses through school they will be invited by Connect for Health to complete a further health questionnaire in year 9. You will receive a letter informing you about this nearer the time.

If you wish to **withdraw** your child from completing the health questionnaire please contact the Connect for Health on: **03300 245 204** or email **connectforhealth@compass-uk.org** within 14 working days of receiving this letter. If at any stage in the process you have concerns or want further information please contact us.

## Parentline text messaging service

Connect for Health have a new way for parents and carers of school aged children to get confidential advice and support about child health related issues. Parentline messaging service is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and a nurse will be available to answer any queries about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and wellbeing. Text us on: 07520619376.

The opportunity to discuss any health & wellbeing matters relating to your child is always available. Please do not hesitate to contact the service on our dedicated telephone number **03300 245 204**, or alternatively you can text a nurse for friendly, confidential support on **07520 619 376**.

You can also find advice and resources on our service webpage - <u>compass-uk.org/c4h</u> – and via our Facebook page, which is regularly updated with relevant information – <u>facebook.com/c4hwarwickshire</u> (search c4h Warwickshire to find us).

Yours faithfully

Connect for Health Your School Nursing Service

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