

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Health Programme 2019/20

Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing 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 9 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. Your child's questionnaire will not be available immediately after completion. However before the end of term it will be reviewed by a qualified nurse who may contact your child to offer an appointment to discuss any concerns identified and offer health advice, information and support. Attendance at such an appointment is entirely voluntary.

Your child also has a right to request a confidential appointment with a member of the School Health and Wellbeing team to discuss any health concerns they may have.

Although you would not be informed about any appointment in advance, Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service will always encourage children to discuss any health concerns with their parents. When it is necessary to keep your child or others safe from harm, Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service will share information with you without the consent of your child.

Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service follows Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Board policies and procedures.

All questionnaires collected are treated confidentially and stored securely on electronic patient systems. Data from the completed health questionnaires enables the Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service 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 anonymized and collated prior to being shared with other agencies e.g. Public Health Warwickshire and Schools.

Our Privacy Notice has been enclosed for your information and Warwickshire County Council's Privacy Notice can be found at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/customer-privacy-notice/public-health/ph-privacy-notice>.

Please discuss the completion of the questionnaire with your child and if at any stage in the process you or your child have concerns or want further information please contact Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service directly.

ChatHealth text messaging service

Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service have a new way for parents and carers of school aged children to get confidential advice and support about child health related issues. ChatHealth 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 07520 619376.**

The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available. Please do not hesitate to contact the service on the details provided.

Yours faithfully

Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service

Compass Website

Children, parents/carers, young people, and professionals can visit our website where you will find top tips, helpful videos and useful resources.

www.compass-uk.org.

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