

# Nurses News

June 2020

**We hope that you are all well and safe at this time**

Welcome to the School Nurses and Health and Welfare Support Assistants (HWSA) Newsletter.

As a school nursing team we would like to keep you up to date regarding our service provision and any changes as they occur.

We'd like to give a special welcome to our new School Nurse **Sam Adderley**. Sam joined the team at Saxon Hill Academy on the 3rd June and will be replacing Sarah.

Sam will be supporting Saxon Hill onsite as well as undertaking some outreach work.

Sarah still remains part of the Staffordshire Special School Nursing Team in new job role and will continue to offer support with Continence and Outreach Work to Saxon Hill Academy.

## Meet the Team

**The School Nursing Team based at Saxon Hill Academy are:**

**Emma Bennett** - Senior Special School Nurse

**Nicola Ball** - Special School Nurse

**Sam Adderley** - Special School Nurse and Outreach

**The Health and Welfare Support Assistant Team at Saxon Hill Academy are:**

**Rebecca Nolan** - HWSA Manager

**Aby Seymour** - HWSA

**Ellie Bradbury** - HWSA

**Deb Smith** - HWSA

**Tara Woodcroft** - HWSA

**Rachel Joyce** - HWSA

**Helen Fisher** - HWSA (Based in Early Years)

**Yuki Everett** - HWSA (Based in Early Years)

**Jackie Brunton** - HWSA (Based in Early Years)



**STAY ALERT**

**CONTROL THE VIRUS**

**SAVE LIVES**

## Coronavirus Info

**Please remember the advice set out by the NHS and Government:**

- Stay at home as much as possible.
- Work from home if you can.
- Limit contact with other people.
- Keep a safe distance from others if you go out (2 metres apart where possible).
- Wash your hands regularly.

If you or anyone in your household has symptoms, do not leave home and seek medical advice.

Symptoms may include:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- Loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

For more information go to [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

### New Test and Trace system introduced by the Government

- Ensures that anyone who develops symptoms of coronavirus can quickly be tested to find out if they have the virus.
- Anyone in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland over 5 years old who has symptoms and lives with an essential worker can be tested. Or If under 5 years old in England and Wales who have symptoms and live with an essential worker can be tested.
- Helps trace close recent contacts of anyone who tests positive for coronavirus and, if necessary, notifies them that they must self-isolate at home to help stop the spread of the virus.

**Throughout this period of lockdown, as school has been open for the children of Key Workers and the most vulnerable, there has been at least one school nurse and one HWSA on site every day. As school move to a phased re-opening this will increase as and when necessary.**

**If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email the team as we are here to support you and your families at this time. Telephone number 01543 250402.**



## Nurse Nicola



By Archie - Chestnut Class

## HWSA Team

Many parents may have seen members of staff in a new light blue uniform similar to that of the nurses. These are the Health and Welfare Support Assistant Team, these members of staff are employed by school however they work closely with the School Nurses and undertake tasks such as enteral feeding, administration of medication, first aid and any other healthcare needs of children in school.

## Nurse Emma



By Ben - Vocational Class

## Medication

Before your child returns to school, whenever that may be, please ensure you have rung the Nursing Team and informed us of any changes to your child's medication or dosages. If there are any changes we will require the following to happen:

- New consent form to be filled in and signed
- Confirmation from a prescribing Doctor / Health Professional
- Prescription label to match consent and Doctor's confirmation
- Medication to be in date and sufficient stock

If there aren't any changes to your child's medication please still ring the Nursing Team so we can check if there is sufficient stock in school for your child.

Any **newly prescribed medication** which is to be administered **3 times per day** should be administered at home. This supports guidance of both the Special School Nursing team and Staffordshire County Council recommendations.

**Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us on 01543 250402.**

## Enteral Feeding

As with the medication, if your child is enterally fed at school please ensure that upon returning an up-to-date feeding regime and the appropriate equipment are sent into school.

Equipment required to administer enteral feeds during the school day include:

- Gastrostomy extension tube
- Syringes (appropriate size for your child needs)
- Prescribed feed
- Giving Sets (If your child uses a pump)
- Feeding Pump (fully charged)
- Spare emergency gastrostomy button

You can send stock in daily, weekly or fortnightly, whichever suits your needs.

If there has been any changes to your child's feeding regime during COVID lockdown please call the School



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## Useful Information

### Staffordshire Special School Nursing Service

**NHS**  
Midlands Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust  
A Keele University Teaching Trust

Supporting children & young people in their school environment in order that they can play a full and active role in school life, remain healthy, and achieve their potential

#### Advice for S.E.N.D.



Assessment &  
Care Plan



Health  
Advice



#### Transition Support



Talk to other  
professionals



Health training  
to schools  
& carers



Help with  
E.H.C.P.



#### Continence



Health  
Reviews

#### Safeguarding



email us: [specialschools.staffs@nhs.net](mailto:specialschools.staffs@nhs.net)

our website: [mpft.nhs.uk/ssn](http://mpft.nhs.uk/ssn)

For children and young people aged 0-25 years



Education



Early years and  
childcare



Social care



Places to go,  
things to do

The best  
place to go to  
find information  
about SEND  
support in  
Staffordshire



Health and  
wellness



Preparing for  
adulthood



Travel and  
transport



Policy information



Money matters



Extra help



Information and  
support

Staffordshire  
County Council

[www.staffordshireconnects.info](http://www.staffordshireconnects.info)

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## Doctors Clinic

We have a community paediatrician clinic held in school every other month.

If your child is under the care of the community paediatricians and you have any new concerns please let us know.

If your child doesn't currently see a paediatrician and you would like them to then please also let us know.

## Continence

As mentioned previously, Sarah has taken a new position within the Special School Nursing team.

Sarah's new job role is to support pupils across the whole of Staffordshire with continence issues and in particular night time enuresis / bedwetting and toilet training.

All children and young people (4 years old and above) are entitled to a continence assessment and assistance with a toileting programme.

Eligibility for a supply of continence products funded via the NHS can also be assessed. Please note children under 5 will need to have this assessment completed by their **health visitor**.

All children and young people already receiving continence products will have an annual assessment, this assessment may highlight **any changes** to best suit your child's clinical needs.

If you require any of the above then please contact the School Nursing Team who will do a continence assessment or refer your request to Sarah and the Special School Nursing continence team members if more specific help is required. As you may be aware, the supplier for continence products has changed to Essity who will be supplying Tena products.

You should receive new stock on your next arranged delivery with instructions on how to activate your next order and ID details if not received already via the post.

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