



Special School Nursing

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust provides a nursing service at your child's school. We work in collaboration with your child's school, Five Acre Wood, to make sure pupils with complex health needs can access their education.

The school nurses work with families and partnership agencies to support and empower school staff and make sure they are appropriately trained and competent for pupils to access school safely. Training the school staff increases the number of professionals to support/care for your child while in school.

For those pupils with complex medical needs, the school nurses complete a full assessment and identifies any clinical tasks that the school staff need to be trained on and their competency will be assessed. If your child's health declines or there is a period of absence from school, the school nurse updates the assessment so we can prepare for your child's safe return to school and share this with the school to enable the health care plan to be updated.

The school nurses provide core training to school staff which gives them an awareness of general conditions such as asthma, anaphylaxis and epilepsy. The school nurses also provide bespoke training and competency assessments to meet the specific needs of your child via an emergency plan to those who are directly caring for them while in school. This also includes any emergency protocols so your child receives the support quickly.

The school nurses work alongside the school staff until they are confident and competent in the skill required to care for your child.

The school nurses also work with the school to build upon the safe processes around your child's health including medicines management and emergency plans.

Both organisations are required to securely share any relevant health and social care information about your child (including the EHCP and supporting documents) to make sure of their health and wellbeing while at school.

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The nurses are Tara Osborne, Sarah Hammond, Becca Hutchinson and Vicky Smith who are based at FAW, to cover the school full time. Tara leads the team at FAW. If you would like to contact us our details are: kentchft.specialistnurses5aw@nhs.net or via the school's telephone number asking for the school nurses.

If you have any questions about the service, please contact the Nurse team lead for West and North Kent, Rachael Hampshire, on 0300 790 0283.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Fagg". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ann Fagg
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