

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Health Programme 2023/2024

Connect for Health 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 young people 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 students in Warwickshire are offered a comprehensive health assessment through an online health questionnaire.

Online Health Questionnaire

All young people will be invited to complete an online health questionnaire. This questionnaire will help to assess their physical and emotional health and wellbeing and will be completed during school time. Instructions on how to access the questionnaire will be provided in due course. The completed questionnaire will then be reviewed by a qualified nurse. A nurse from Compass Connect for Health or member of Compass Children and young people's drug and alcohol service may contact year 9 students to offer one to one or group intervention to discuss any concerns identified, offer health advice, information and support. Attendance at such an intervention is entirely voluntary.

Year 9 students have a right to request a confidential appointment with a member of Connect for Health to discuss any health concerns they may have.

Although you would not be informed about any appointment in advance, Connect for Health will always encourage young people to discuss any health concerns with their parent/carer's. When it is necessary to keep young people or others safe from harm, Connect for Health will share information with you without the young person's consent.

Connect for Health 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 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 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>

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We encourage Year 9 students and their parent/carer to discuss the completion of the questionnaire and if at any stage in the process either of you have concerns or want further information please contact Connect for Health directly.

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. 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 & 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 - compass-uk.org/c4h – and via our Facebook page, which is regularly updated with relevant information – facebook.com/c4hwarwickshire (search c4h Warwickshire to find us).

Yours faithfully

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