

## School Nursing Service

September 2018

We have received the following information from the School Nursing (SN) service for the coming academic year.

*'We will temporarily have to adjust our School Nursing offer to Children and Young People attending schools in Suffolk (Excluding Lowestoft and Waveney). This is an unfortunate result of a nationwide shortage of qualified Staff Nurses and School Nurses which has meant we have struggled to recruit to our vacancies. The adjustment to the SN offer will mean that we will no longer be offering termly drop ins in Primary Schools but promoting the use of our texting service ChatHealth and use of our website and the Source as the universal offer for parents and children. Children, young people and their families will be able to access a SN from 09:00 to 17:00, Monday to Friday all year round for advice, guidance and support and will be able to arrange a face to face appointment with a nurse if this is what they would prefer. The service is completely confidential and will be able to offer similar service to that offered at a drop in. The ChatHealth number is 07507 333356.'*