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Improving Attendance by Fast-Tracking Medical Appointments with Pharmacy First

With pupil attendance being a high priority for primary schools, I am writing to let you know about an NHS service that VSM Pharmacy in Camberley is offering for children (as well as adults) called Pharmacy First.

What is Pharmacy First?

For several common conditions, children and adults can get antibiotics and prescription-only medications prescribed at the pharmacy after attending a consultation with a specially trained pharmacist. These **accessible healthcare consultations** ensure children and staff get well and back to school as quickly as possible, by removing the need to wait for a GP appointment.

The service supports primary school-aged and older children in the age groups below, as well as your staff and parents/carers, who need help with:

- **Earache** (aged 1 to 17 years)
- **Impetigo** (aged 1 year and over)
- **Infected insect bites** (aged 1 year and over)
- **Sore throats** (aged 5 years and over)
- **Sinusitis** (aged 12 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infections** (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)
- **Shingles** (aged 18 years and over)

How does Pharmacy First work in practice?

*Book an appointment
at VSM Pharmacy*

*The Pharmacist will
establish a diagnostic*

*Get your treatment
there and then*

The pharmacist will provide advice and if clinically necessary, offer an NHS medicine to treat the condition. These medicines are free of charge to children under 16 years, with the normal NHS prescription charge rules applying to people aged 16 or over. The pharmacy will then send an electronic message to the person's GP surgery so their health record can be updated.



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Opening Hours

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Next Steps

We are keen to raise awareness of the Pharmacy First service to parents/carers, so that if anyone has symptoms of any of the forementioned conditions, they know they can access advice and medicine (if clinically appropriate) quickly from VSM pharmacy.

If parents wish to book Pharmacy First services, they can do so using the link below. Alternatively, they can go in person and speak to a pharmacist.

<https://pharmacy-first.youcanbook.me/>

Yours sincerely,

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