

# Think Pharmacy First

## To all parents and carers in Cheshire and Merseyside

**Did you know...** as well as offering advice and over the counter treatments for lots of childhood illnesses, pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments and prescription medications (if needed) for these four common conditions in children?

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (age 5 and over)
- Infected insect bites (age 1 and over)
- Impetigo (age 1 and over)

This **Pharmacy First service** is available at most community pharmacies in Cheshire and Merseyside.

## Fast advice and treatment

When your child is feeling unwell and off school with one these conditions, you want the right help as quickly as possible.

Pharmacies can often provide a **same day consultation with a trained clinical professional**, giving you access to advice and medication all in one place, without the need for a GP appointment first.

This means they could be on the road to recovery and back at school much sooner.



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See your  
pharmacist  
Help us  
help you

### So remember:

If your child has an ear ache, sore throat, symptoms of impetigo or a suspected infected bite, **think Pharmacy First!**

**For more information visit: [www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst](http://www.nhs.uk/thinkpharmacyfirst)**