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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Healthy Child Programme School Screening

Your child's school is taking part in the **Hearing, Vision and National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)** this term, delivered by the School Nursing team. You will find more detailed information about this below.

Signing up to the School Screener Parent Portal

We kindly ask you to **log in or register on the Parent Portal** and complete a short online form. This helps us confirm your preferences and ensures you can access your child's screening results directly through your account. *You only need to register once for access to all the screening campaigns.*

📝 **Within the form, you will also have the option to opt out of any programme, let us know if your child is under the care of the Eye Service, Audiology or has a PVP shunt.**

👉 **Click here to complete the form**
https://cam019.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/391732/g/CCSh441

🗓️ **Please submit the form within 2 weeks of receiving this link.**

📎 **Please see the attached information about the screening programmes before completing the form.**

School Hearing Screening of Children in Reception

During this school year we will visit your child's school to perform hearing tests.

This involves putting headphones on your child and asking them to respond when they hear a sound. In this way, we can measure if your child can hear within satisfactory levels or not. This is a safe simple test which is comfortable for your child and takes 5-10 minutes.

Hearing is important for your child's learning and communication and identifying problems early helps in reducing problems in school and at home.

Your child's results will be made available to you via the *School Screener Parent Portal*. Please allow 24 hours for the results to be available.

If you are happy for your child to have a hearing screen	Please sign up to the *School Screener Parent Portal* where you will be able to view your child's results. Details on how to sign up to the School Health Parent Portal are attached. If your child does not pass the test, they will be re-tested within the next school term in school. If your child does not pass the second test you will be invited to bring your child to one of our audiology clinics for further testing. **If you do not have digital access** and would like your child to be screened, please contact the Children's Community Health Hub and ask to speak to a member of the screening team and a paper copy of the results letter can be sent home.
If you do NOT want your child to have their hearing tested OR they currently attend ENT/Audiology clinic	Please sign up to the *School Screener Parent Portal* where you will be able to **opt out** of the programme. Details on how to sign up to the School Screener Parent Portal and opt out are attached. **If you do not have digital access** and wish to opt your child out you must inform the school in writing that you do not wish for us to screen your child.
If your child has a PVP shunt (programable ventriculoperitoneal shunt) they must not have a school hearing screen	Please sign up to the *School Screener Parent Portal* where you will be able to **opt out** of the programme. Details on how to sign up to the School Screener Parent Portal and opt out are attached. The headphones have magnets and by placing them on your child's ears, close to the shunt, they can magnetically adjust the valve. If you are worried about your child's hearing and would like them to be seen by an audiologist, please contact your GP and ask them to refer to the Audiology service.

School Vision Screening of Children in Reception

During this school year we will visit your child's school to perform vision tests.

This involves putting glasses on your child and asking them to identify letters of different sizes. The glasses have on clear lens and on dark lens so the child will use one eye at a time. We can measure if your child can see within satisfactory levels or not. This is a safe simple test which is comfortable for your child and takes 5-10 minutes.

Vision is important for your child's learning and development and identifying problems early helps in reducing problems in school and at home.

Your child's results will be made available to you via the *School Screener Parent Portal*. Please allow 24 hours for the results to be available.

If you are happy for your child to have a vision screen	Please sign up to the *School Screener Parent Portal* where you will be able to view your child's results. Details on how to sign up to the School Health Parent Portal are attached. If your child does not pass the test, you will receive a letter advising you of the next steps. **If you do not have digital access** and would like your child to be screened, please contact the Children's Community Health Hub and ask to speak to a member of the screening team and a paper copy of the results letter can be sent home.
If you do NOT want your child to have their vision tested, they wear glasses OR they currently attend eye clinic or the opticians	Please sign up to the *School Screener Parent Portal* where you will be able to **opt out** of the programme. Details on how to sign up to the School Screener Parent Portal and opt out are attached. **If you do not have digital access** and wish to opt your child out you must inform the school in writing that you do not wish for us to screen your child.

Measuring the Height and Weight of Children in Reception

Every year in England, school children in reception and year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status. The School Nursing Service routinely visit schools to carry out these measurements on behalf of the local authority, who have a legal duty to collect NCMP data. This information helps the local authority and the NHS plan services for families and offer the right support to help children grow up healthy.

You can watch the NCMP animation to learn more about the programme, why it is important, and how your child's information is used.

We have attached a separate letter containing all the information about this programme

If you are **happy** for your child to be measured	Please register for the *School Screener Parent Portal* to view your child's results. Details on how to register are attached. **If you do not have digital access** and would like to receive a paper copy of your child's results letter, please contact the Children's Community Health Hub and ask to speak to a member of the School Screening team.
If you **do NOT** want your child to be measured **(opt out)**	Please register for the *School Screener Parent Portal* and select the option to opt out of the programme. Details on how to register and opt out are attached. **If you do not have digital access,** please write to your child's school to let us know that you wish to opt out of the programme.

If you would like further information, please contact the Children's Community Health Hub on 0300 555 0606, who will ask for your child's name, date of birth and the school they attend so you can be directed to the school nurse team in your area.

Yours faithfully
School Screening Team