

Date: March 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer

Re School Health Screening and Health & Wellbeing Questionnaire

Now that your child has started school their health care needs have transferred from the health visitor to the school nurse. A member of our team will visit school to screen your child's distance vision, hearing, height and weight. You will be notified of the results following screening.

If we do not hear from you within the next 7 days your child will be included in the screening programme.

Vision Screening

We offer vision screening to children aged 4 to 5 to identify those with reduced vision. The aim is to detect problems early so your child can get effective treatment. Children identified by screening will be referred to the Alder Hey eye clinic team and an appointment will be sent to you either at Alder Hey hospital or at a local community clinic. The cause of the reduced vision will be identified and treatment recommended which may include the use of glasses.

Hearing Screening

We offer hearing screening to children aged 4 to 5 to identify those with reduced hearing. The aim is to detect problems early so your child can get effective treatment. Children identified by screening will have a further assessment in school by the Alder Hey audiology team who will contact you directly following this. If your child is absent on the day of screening they will also be assessed by the audiology team at a later date and they will contact you directly with the results of the screening.

Height & Weight

We offer a height and weight screening to children aged 4 to 5 for a baseline measurement to identify any discrepancies in your child's growth.

NB If your child is included in the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) you may receive a letter regarding your child's Body Mass Index (BMI). The NCMP is a national programme offered to every child in the UK in Reception Year and Year 6.

Health & Wellbeing Questionnaire

We would like to provide support for any other health concerns that you may have about your child. Therefore, we would appreciate you completing a questionnaire about your child's health & wellbeing, the questionnaire will be sent via your child's school.

The information you provide will be treated confidentially. A member of the school nurse team may contact you or invite you into school to support you with any concerns you may have highlighted.

Should you wish to contact you School Health Team at any time, please ring 0151 295 8415

This will get you to the School Health Teams office. Our service hours are 08.30 – 17.00

Yours faithfully

School Health Team