

Date: 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

### **Re School Health Screening**

The School Health Team will be coming into your child's school from January 2021 to complete the School entry screening which includes height, weight, vision and hearing, This screening would routinely have taken place while your child was in Reception. Due to the COVID 19 National Lockdown the screening programme was paused.

### **Vision Screening**

We offer vision screening to children 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 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 for a baseline measurement of your child's growth.

Should you wish to contact you School Health Team at any time, please follow this link <https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/SchoolHealth> and select 'location of School Health Team', this will show you the team that covers the postcode where you live. This will get you to the School Health Teams office. Our service hours are 08.30 – 17.00

Yours faithfully

School Health Team