

Our Ref: Reception screening
letter

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re School Health Screening

As your child has started school this year, their health and well-being will be supported by the Children's 0-19 Team in partnership with you and your child's school. During their time in reception, our team will visit school to screen your child's distance vision, hearing, height and weight.

If we do not hear from you within the next 2 weeks your child will be included in the screening programme and you will be notified of the results.

If you do not wish your child to be included, please inform us by 24th January 2023 on 0151 247 6354 or email mcn-tr.seftonschoolhealth@nhs.net

Vision Screening

We offer vision screening at age four to five to identify those children with reduced vision. The aim is to detect problems early so your child can get effective treatment. Children identified as having reduced vision (from our 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 at age four to five to identify those children with reduced hearing. The aim is to detect problems early so your child can get effective treatment.

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Children identified as having reduced hearing (from our screening) will have a further assessment in school by the Alder Hey Audiology Team who will contact you directly. Community and Mental Health Services

Growth Monitoring

We offer height and weight measurement in Reception. Weighing and measuring helps us to check that your child is growing and developing as expected. Your child's measurements will be plotted onto a growth centile chart and recorded in their personal health record, which is held securely by us. If we believe your child is not growing as expected we will contact you directly to discuss next steps.

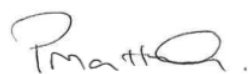
If you have any questions about our screening programme or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the 0-19 Children's Team at the telephone number above. You will receive a separate letter regarding the National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP).

If your child has a special education need(s) and or disability, please contact your school nurse to discuss the suitability for your child and how we can best support them in relation to their disability or diagnosis.

Data Protection

The Trust's Data Protection Officer (DPO) is the Head of Information Governance, who is supported in this role by the Information Governance Team. The DPO can be contacted by emailing DPO@merseycare.nhs.uk. If you have any concerns or queries about your child's information please contact either the team providing the care or the DPO. Further information on Data Protection is available on the Trust's website at www.merseycare.nhs.uk/privacy.

Yours sincerely



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