

20th August 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: School entrant health assessment for pupils in Reception year 2019/20

Owing to the temporary closure of schools from March 2020 and national COVID-19 guidance, your child may not have been seen in school for the hearing and vision screen as part of the school entrant health assessment and/or the height and weight measurements carried out as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

Vision screen: As part of our restoration plan we aim to complete vision screening for children not yet seen, where you have already consented to this. This will be carried out from September 2020 when your child is in year 1. You will be contacted nearer the time with further details about this. If you have current concerns about your child's vision we recommend you request a free eye test with an optician. See www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-in-children/ for more information about eye tests.

Hearing screen: From August 2020 the hearing screen will no longer be offered at school entry within Hampshire, therefore those children that missed the hearing screen this year will not be completed. If you have concerns about your child's hearing such as, they frequently ask you to repeat yourself, respond inappropriately to questions, turn up the volume of the TV very high please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hearing-loss/symptoms/> for more information on what to look out for and when to see your GP.

For parents of children where a follow-up appointment was arranged by the school nurse service, you will be contacted by your local school nurse team in September.

National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP): If your child was not measured as part of the NCMP this will not be completed because this national programme is for year R and year 6 children only. Result letters have been sent to all parents for those children seen before the schools closed. Information for parents about healthy weights can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/>

School nursing services continue to be available during this challenging time and are here throughout the summer. If you have any concerns about your child's growth, hearing or vision that you would like to discuss with a school nurse, please contact us by sending a text to our Text Message Advice Service called ChatHealth on 07507 332417. Alternatively you can contact your local team on 01256 376330

Yours sincerely

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