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Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer

**School Health Screening Programme**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the School Health Screening Programme. The reason for the programme is to find any vision or hearing problems that may affect your child’s learning. The screenings will take place in your child’s school during their **Foundation 2** school year.

**Vision screening:**

The screening will take place in school by trained staff. If a vision problem is detected you will be notified by letter. Please see the links below for further parent information on Vision screening.

[vision\_screening\_parent\_leaflet.pdf](file:///H%3A%5Cscreeners%5Cscreening%5CNew%20consent%202022%202023%5Cvision_screening_parent_leaflet.pdf)

[vision\_screening\_parent\_leaflet\_Jun23.pdf (publishing.service.gov.uk)](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64aff2608bc29f000d2ccccd/vision_screening_parent_leaflet_Jun23.pdf)

Your child may be rescreened as part of our Quality Assurance arrangements with Wirral University Teaching Hospital (WUTH).

**Hearing screening:**

If a hearing problem is detected your child will have a retest. If the problem is still present you will be notified by letter and an appointment for the hearing clinic will be offered.

Your child may be retested as part of our Quality Assurance arrangements with Wirral University Teaching Hospital (WUTH).

**In the best interests of your child this information will be shared with the school unless you notify us in writing to the contrary. This is to ensure that school staff can support your child in the classroom, eg sitting them at the front of the classroom to help with their vision or hearing**.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be screened, please contact the School Health Team within **10 days of the date on this letter**. You can contact the team by telephone on **0151 514 2510** or letter, using the address above. If we do not hear from you, your child will take part in the vision and hearing screening.

I would be grateful if you could also contact the School Health Team, if your child is already receiving treatment for a hearing or vision problem. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Birkby

Team Leader,

0-19 Health and Wellbeing Service