

Date: 2026/2027 School Year

## **Re School Health Screening and Health & Wellbeing Questionnaire**

The School Health Team would like to inform you of the Healthy Child Programme Universal Core Service commissioned offer. Children in reception are offered screening to test their distance vision, hearing, height and weight. Your child's school will be notified of the date, and you will be notified of your child's results, if the screening indicates a possible vision or hearing concern, results will be shared with their class teacher to help ensure that any necessary support is put in place in the classroom.

### **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.

### **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, who will contact you directly with the results of the screening.

**(NB If your child has a SHUNT fitted, please inform the School Health Team, as the hearing screening cannot be completed. This is due to the risk of inadvertently adjusting the shunt, as some audiology equipment may generating a magnetic field.)**

### **Height & Weight**

We offer a height and weight screening to children aged 4 to 5 to monitor your child's growth.

NB: The NCMP is a national programme offered to every child in England in Reception and Year 6. You will receive a separate letter regarding this.

### **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, electronically via the Mersey Care Website. You will receive an email with a link to complete the health needs questionnaire, once the questionnaire has been completed it will close, and the information will be sent securely to the School Health Team and placed on your child's record for review. Should you wish to contact your School Health Team at any time, please follow this link to find the school health team contact details <https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/our-services/Liverpool/school-health-service> Our service hours are 08:30 – 16:30.

Yours faithfully  
School Health Team

Find further support by contacting your school health team

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