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30th January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

The School Public Health Teams at Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust routinely offer vision and hearing screening to all children in reception class. The screening will be carried out from 2nd March 2020 till the end of the summer term. Your child will be seen in a small group of 3 to 4 children within the school.

The results of the screening will be sent home within 4 weeks of the screening being completed. Please ensure that your child's school has an up to date address and contact number for you to ensure the results letter is sent to the correct address or that we can contact you by phone if required.

If there are concerns with your child's vision we will refer them to the orthoptist for a follow up appointment. If there is a concern with your child's hearing we will re-screen again in 12-14 weeks and if required will refer them for a follow up appointment with audiology.

There are some cases when children will not be screened:

- If your child is receiving treatment for a vision problem or wears glasses they will not have their vision screened.
- If your child is receiving treatment for a hearing problem or wears hearing aids they will not have their hearing screened.

If your child is undergoing treatment for either a vision or hearing problem, please inform us using either the email address or telephone number at the top of this letter by 24th February 2020. You will need to provide us with your child's name, address, date of birth, school name and address.

If you are happy for your child to have their hearing and vision checked you do not need to contact us.

If your child is absent on the day of screening we will attempt to see them again in school, if this is not possible we will invite you to attend a community clinic.

Chairman John Goulston Chief Executive Paul Bentley

Trust HQ The Oast, Unit D, Hermitage Court, Hermitage Lane, Barming, near Maidstone, Kent ME16 9NT

Please be aware that your child will not be made to take part if they do not want to or are unable to do so. We will contact you to let you know if this happens.

Opting your child out of the hearing and vision programme

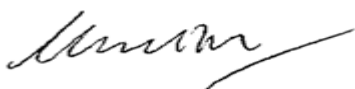
If you do not want your child to take part in the hearing and/or vision screening, please inform us by the 24th February 2020, using either the email address or telephone number at the top of this letter. You will need to provide us with your child's name, address, date of birth, school name and address so that we do not screen your child.

If you have any questions relating to this letter or wish to discuss any health concerns which could impact on your child's education, please contact the School Public Health Team using the details at the top of this letter.

If you require more information regarding the Kent Community Health NHS Trust School Health services please visit www.kentyouthhealth.nhs.uk

Information about how Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust collect and use information can be found at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/legal/

Yours faithfully



Catherine Burton
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Do you have feedback about our health services?

Phone: 0300 123 1807

8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

Text: 07899 903499

Email: kentchft.PALS@nhs.net

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If you need to speak to someone about your appointment, please contact the service directly using the details at the top of page one.



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