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Dear Parent/Carer

School Health Screening Programme

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the School Health Screening Programme. This programme aims to identify any vision or hearing problems that may affect your child's learning. Screenings will take place in school during your child's Foundation 2 year.

Vision screening

Vision screening will be carried out in the school by trained staff. If any concerns are identified, you will be informed by letter. Further information for parents can be found in the leaflet below:

[vision screening parent leaflet Jun23.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

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

Hearing screening

If any concerns are found during the hearing check, your child will be offered a retest. If the issue persists, you will be notified by letter and an appointment at the hearing clinic will be arranged.

Your child may also be retested as part of our Quality Assurance arrangements with WUTH.

In your child's best interests, screening outcomes will be shared with their school unless you inform us in writing that you do not wish this to happen. Sharing this information helps school staff support your child appropriately—for example, by seating them closer to the front of the classroom.

If you do not want your child to take part in the screening, please contact the team within 10 days of the date on this letter. You can contact us by telephone on 0151 514 0219 or email wchc.wirralhub@nhs.net. If we do not hear from you, your child will participate in both the vision and hearing checks.

If your child is already receiving treatment for a vision or hearing issue, please let us know, as they will not need to take part in the screening programme.

Yours sincerely

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