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Dear Parent/ Carer

### School Health Screening

The School Health Team would like to inform you of the Healthy Child Programme Universal Core Service commissioned offer. A member of our team will contact you to offer to screen your child's distance vision, hearing, height and weight. You will be notified of the results following screening.

#### 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. The cause of the reduced vision will be identified and treatment recommended which may include the use of glasses.

#### 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 at a later date and they will contact you directly with the results of the screening.

#### Height & Weight

We offer a height and weight screening to children aged 4 to 5 for a baseline measurement to identify any discrepancies in your child's growth.

**NB If your child is included in the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) you may receive a letter regarding your child's Body Mass Index (BMI). The NCMP is a national programme offered to every child in the UK in Reception Year and Year 6.**

Should you wish to contact you School Health Team at any time, please follow this link <https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/SchoolHealth> and select 'location of School Health Team', this will show you the team that covers the postcode where you live. This will get you to the School Health Teams office. Our service hours are 08.30 – 17.00

Yours faithfully

School Health Team