

Paediatric Audiology

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Dear Parent /Guardian

Hearing tests

On the 20th of February 2023 the NHS School screeners will be visiting Enfield Heights Academy.

Hearing screens can detect any changes to your child's hearing; even a small change can affect their communication and education. Whilst children born in the UK will have their hearing screened at birth, hearing can change over time due to factors such as ear infections, ear trauma and ear wax. Each year we are finding a number of children with significant hearing losses through the school hearing screening programme. **We strongly recommend every child has the hearing screening,**

The hearing screen will take place at school. If your child does not pass then we will repeat the hearing screen again 6 - 8 weeks later. If they do not pass the second screen or are absent, a referral will be made to the Enfield and Barnet Paediatric audiology team (Whittington Health NHS Trust) who will contact you directly. If your child's GP is not located in the Enfield or Barnet area a letter will be sent to you and your child's GP instead.

Unless you opt out, we will ask the school for your contact details which will only be used should we need to refer your child to paediatric audiology so please ensure your school has the most up to date contact details. In relation to the test results, we will hold your child's name, NHS number, date of birth, address, school, class, GP address plus your contact number (and email address if provided).

We cannot conduct the hearing screen if your child has been fitted with a PVP Shunt and will instead make a referral to paediatric audiology. **Please complete the attached form to let us know if your child has a PVP shunt fitted** or if you wish to opt out.

As an NHS service we fully comply with GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018 with regards to the storage, retention and secure destruction of personal information about your child. More information is available at: <https://whittington.nhs.uk/default.asp?c=33205>

If you have any question about the hearing screening you can contact the Whittington paediatric audiology department at enfield.audiology@nhs.net or on 020 3316 8074

Kind regards,

Ruth Droy, Masha Klubicka, Carol Ure & Kate Barnett (School hearing screeners);
Vibha Mistry (Chief Paediatric Audiologist)

Whittington Health NHS Trust

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Please only complete this form and return to the school office by **Friday 10th February** if: -

- Your child has a PVP Shunt; OR
- You wish to opt-out of the hearing screening

Child's name	
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Class	
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Parent / carer name	
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Parent / carer Signature	
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Date	
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My child has a PVP Shunt (please tick): -	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Only complete the below if you wish to opt out of the hearing screening test

I <u>do not</u> consent for my child to participate in the school hearing screening programme nor for their personal details to be given to the screening team	<input type="checkbox"/>
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