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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Your child's hearing screening at school

About The Hearing Screening Programme:
Enfield Heights Academy visit on: Monday 14th December 2026

Children are offered a routine hearing screen as part of the School Health Screening Programme during their reception year at school. The main aim of the hearing screening programme is to identify children who have a hearing loss.

One of our school screeners will be visiting your child's school to carry out a routine hearing screen.

What happens during the screen?

During the screen, sounds will be played through headphones and your child will be asked to play a simple game when they hear the sound. The screen only takes a few minutes to complete.

If your child passes their hearing screen you will **not** receive any further contact from us.

If your child does not pass their hearing screen, our screeners will repeat the hearing screen after 6-8 weeks and if they do not pass the 2nd screen or are absent, a referral will be made to our Paediatric Audiology service in Enfield and you will be notified by a letter.

Please note that the results from the screen are not disclosed to the school.

Parental consent for treatment:

If you do not want your child to be screened, please let the school know immediately. If you do not opt out before the screeners visit, then it is assumed that you have agreed to the hearing screen.

It is the responsibility of the school to notify the school screeners of negative consent from parents on the day of screening.

If your child has a PVP shunt, or has regular audiology / ENT appointments, please inform the school so that your child is not screened.

More information about school hearing screening:

For further information about the hearing screening programme, please select the following link https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/document.ashx?id=15608.

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Data Protection

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We process personal information in accordance with UK data protection legislation, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Information may be shared with healthcare professionals involved in your child's care where appropriate.

For more information about how we use personal information, your rights, and how to contact please see our Privacy Notice at: https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/default.asp?c=33205

Kind regards,

School hearing screening service
Paediatric Audiology (Barnet and Enfield)
Whittington Health NHS Trust