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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **SCHOOL HEARING SCREENING**

During this school year we will visit your child's school to perform hearing tests.

This involves putting headphones on your child and asking them to respond when they hear a sound. In this way, we can measure if your child can hear normally or not. This is a safe simple test which is comfortable for your child and takes 5-10 minutes. Your child's ears may also be examined.

***Hearing is important for your child's learning and communication and identifying problems early helps in reducing problems in school and at home.***

The Audiology Service are now using the School Screener Parent Portal, an electronic method to communicate health information and share your child's screening results with you.

If you **Do wish** for your child to have a hearing screen, please register with the parent portal. Following the hearing test, you will receive a results letter via the portal telling you the results from your child's hearing test.

If your child does not pass the test, they will be re-tested within the next school term back in school. If your child does not pass the second test you will be invited to bring your child to one of our audiology clinics for further testing.

If you **Do not wish** to have your child's hearing tested or if your child currently attends **ENT/Audiology** clinics there will be an opportunity for you to opt-out once registered on the parent portal, otherwise we will assume you are happy for your child to be screened.

**What do I need to do to register?**

1. Click the link below, this will take you to the registration landing page.
2. If this is your first time using the parent portal you will need to register for a school health parent portal account, using just an email.
3. Check your email inbox to create a password. It's important that you keep hold of your username and password for future logins.
4. Log into the portal to register your child's details and sign up for receiving feedback and results.

Click on this link to register. You will be given the opportunity to opt out should you wish to.

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/391732/p/Cah231/109482>

**Please submit the form within 2 weeks of receiving this link.****What if I don't have access to the School Screener Parent Portal?**

If you do not have access to the School Screener Parent Portal and would like your child to have hearing screening, please contact the Audiology Team via the Childrens Health Hub on 0300 555 0606 or inform your child's school in writing and a paper copy of the results letter can be sent home.

If you do not have access to the School Screener Parent Portal and wish to opt your child out, you can inform your child's school in writing that you do not wish for us to screen your child.

If you require any further information, please contact the Childrens Health Hub on 0300 555 0606 to speak to a member of the Audiology team.

Yours Sincerely,

Community Audiology Service

\* In providing the School Hearing Screen, registration for this process is covered by GDPR Article 9h Guidance, which enables health care organisations to process information for the provision of health or social care or treatment, or the management of health or social care systems. For information on how we use data and why, please refer to our privacy notice  
<https://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/about-us/priorities-and-how-we-are-doing/performance/information-governance/privacy-notice>

