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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 Health Questionnaires 2024/25

What is Health Screening?

In Worcestershire, health screening takes place in Reception, **Year 6**, and Year 9 as part of the Department of Health, National Healthy Child Programme.

Health screening involves the completion of a health questionnaire so that information and support can be offered to help children meet their full potential. The School Health Nursing Team use a digital platform known as 'School Screener' which is both secure and confidential.

When will screening take place?

From the end of September 2024 children in Year 6 will be offered the opportunity to complete a health questionnaire at school.

If you do not want your child to take part, please 'log-on' to the School Screener Parent Portal using the link provided below to 'opt-out' within 2 weeks of receiving this letter.

What is involved?

The School Health Nursing Team will be working closely with schools to plan the Screening sessions. Prior to the session, children will be given a clear explanation of what is involved, and schools will ensure computers or tablets are available for children to complete and submit their questionnaire.

[Do you have a communication or information support need?](#)

[If so, please contact the team so that those needs can be recorded and responded to.](#)

Depending on how your child answers the questions, public health messages may instantly ‘pop-up’.

Questionnaires are reviewed and triaged by Specialist Public Health Nurses, and you may be offered further confidential support from our service or other relevant providers.

What information will be shared with parents/carers?

Parents and carers will receive a ‘Do-not-reply’ email advising that a letter is available to be viewed via the School Screener Parent Portal. The letter will contain a summary of the questions and your child’s answers. You will also be provided with a QR code to access local and national support networks which offer a wide range of advice and support on any issues that have been raised.

A member of our team may also get in touch to gain consent to contact your child’s school to ensure the right support is put in place where necessary.

What information will be shared with school?

After health screening has taken place, schools will be issued with an anonymised report outlining the health demographics for the children in Year 6 who completed a questionnaire. The report may identify health ‘themes’ which can be used to support the school’s health improvement plan. Confidential information will only be shared with school with your consent.

What happens for children with additional needs?

If your child has additional needs, please get in touch so that we can ensure reasonable adjustments are put in place to meet their requirements.

How do I register for a School Screener Parent Portal Account?

If you already have an account, you will receive an email advising you have information in your account to be read. You will just need to sign-in to access the summary letter. However, if you do not have an account you will need to register by following the link provided below to access your child’s summary letter:

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Worcestershire/g/SWph2425Y6>

Please note that the School Screener Parent Portal can only be accessed via either Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge web browsers.

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How else might we use the information provided?

The information you/your child share helps us provide your child's care. We might also share anonymised information with other health professionals and organisations to improve services.

If you would like further information or have any issues with accessibility, please make contact via our 'One Simple Number, 01905 520032'. Alternatively, you can contact us via our NEW Parentline on 07312 263547, which is a text service available Mon-Fri 9am-5pm excluding bank holidays.

For more information on the services provided by the Starting Well Partnership please visit <https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/>

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018, we have a legal duty to protect any information we collect from you. Please be assured that all personal confidential information will be kept secure and confidential at all times and will only be used by staff who have a lawful reason to do so. For details on how we use your information please visit our website: www.hacw.nhs.uk/data-protection

Yours sincerely

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