

**Paediatric Audiology**

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Dear Parent /Guardian

**Hearing tests**

On **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024** the NHS School screeners will be visiting Woodpecker Hall 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 only complete the attached form 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](mailto:enfield.audiology@nhs.net) or on 020 3316 8074

Kind regards,

Carol Ure, Kate Barnett, Charlotte Hawkins (School hearing screeners)  
Vibha Mistry (Chief Paediatric Audiologist)

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**ONLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOUR CHILD HAS A PVP SHUNT**

**OR**

**IF YOU WISH TO OPT OUT OF THE HEARING SCREENING**

Child's name	
Class	
Parent / carer name	
Parent / carer Signature	
Date	
My child has a PVP Shunt (please tick): - <input type="checkbox"/>	

**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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