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Ref: Invitation for Hearing Screen in School

Dear Parent/Carer,

About the School Hearing Screening Programme:

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. 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 presented 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. You will only be notified of school screening results if your child requires further assessment. If this is the case, you will be informed by a letter.

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

Parental screening: OPT-OUT

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. Reasons to opting out may include:

- **your child has a PVP shunt**
- your child is under audiology care has regular audiology appointments
- child already diagnosed with a hearing loss and wearing hearing aids or cochlear implant
- **It is very important that you inform the school of any of the above so that your child is not screened.**

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

Yours sincerely,

Paediatric Audiology Ealing Service
School Hearing Screening Programme

Privacy Statement

Why we use your personal data: We typically use your personal information (including special categories of personal data such as information about your health) to provide safe and effective care and treatment to you.

Who else has access to your personal data: To provide you with the care and treatment you need, we may share your personal information with third parties, such as other healthcare providers and third-party service providers.

Security of your personal data: We respect the security of your data and treat it in accordance with the law.

Transferring your data internationally: We will not transfer your data outside of the UK.