

Dear Parent / Carer

Vision and Hearing Screening Catch- Up Programme

Vision and Hearing Screening is normally offered to children at school when they are aged 4 – 5. Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic we were not able to offer hearing and vision screening in 2020 when your child would have been offered. We are now able to offer a catch- up programme for the children who are now in Year 1. We are working in partnership with Family Wellbeing Centres across Brent and supported your child's school. Vision and Hearing screening is very important, especially for learning and development. Vision and Hearing screening is part of the Healthy Child Programme offered by the School Nursing Service in Brent.

We will be contacting you via telephone to offer your child an appointment at a Family Well Being Centre as it is important that your child receives Vision and Hearing screening as soon as possible. You can also contact the School Nursing Service on the above number or email to book your child's appointment, especially if you have any concerns about your child's hearing or vision. Under lockdown restrictions you can attend medical appointments, so we do encourage you to book an appointment for your child and bring them to the appointment.

If you do not wish your child to have vision and or hearing screening please email clcht.brentsnspaduty@nhs.net providing your child's name, date of birth, school attended, which screening you are declining, your name and optional information about why you are declining e.g. Under professional care /my child wears glasses/ attends an eye clinic/ optician or my child wears hearing aids/ attends an audiology clinic.

All health-related information is kept confidential, however, in some instances this may be shared on a need-to-know basis with other services including the school, to enable better support for your child in school. The School Nurse will contact you to discuss the need to share other health-related information where relevant.

Should you have any questions about the hearing and vision screening please ask when we contact you to book an appointment for your child.

Yours faithfully

Brent School Nursing Service

We're here for you

Your CLCH health visiting and school nursing service in Brent is running a 7 day a week 9am-5pm duty line for parents and young people to call for support and advice.

Call us on: 0208 102 4900

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