

School Height & Weight Check – National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

Each year in England, school children in Reception Year have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status. The information gathered allows services to plan how to support families to lead healthy lives.

Your child's class will take part in this year's programme.

The checks are carried out by trained staff from the Healthy Child Programme. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils. A member of the school staff may be present during screening.

The programme will be delivered in a COVID-safe way, in line with the school and local authority's safety control measures. This includes robust hand and respiratory hygiene and enhanced cleaning arrangements for the rooms and equipment used to measure your child's height and weight as recommended in the national guidance for schools and healthcare

Maintaining the well-being of children in the NCMP

The wellbeing of children and families is very important. Measurements are carried out in a sensitive way, in private and away from other children. Your child's results are not shared with your child or their school. The weight and height results are only shared with you. It is your choice if you share the information with your child.

The emotional impact of the NCMP has been researched and studies show that body image, self-esteem, weight-related teasing and restrictive eating behaviours do not change as a result of being measured or receiving feedback.

Please see page 2 of this letter on how to opt your child out of these checks.

NCMP results – what happens next:

- **Healthy Weight** - You will not receive a results letter if your child is in the healthy weight range. You can talk to a member of our team about your child's height and weight results by contacting us on the details above.
- **Underweight** - You will receive a letter within 6 weeks with the results and further information. A member of our team will contact you to talk about the results.
- **Overweight** - You will receive a letter with the results within 6 weeks. This letter will also include useful links to further information available on our Just One Norfolk website.
- **Very Overweight** - You will receive a letter within 6 weeks with the results. This letter will also include useful links to further information available on our Just One Norfolk website. A member of our team may contact you to talk about your child's results. You can also get in contact with us using the above details.

Opting your child out of the National Child Measurement Programme

If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything.

If you do not wish your child's height and weight to be checked, please follow the steps below in the grey box. Children will not be made to take part if they do not want to.

If you wish to opt your child out of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) please follow the steps below:

- Contact us by **22.11.21**
- Call us on 0300 300 0123 or
- email: CCS-TR.NCMPScreeningOptOut@nhs.net
- Leave the following information:-
 - child's full name
 - NHS Number (if known)
 - date of birth
 - current home address
 - school they attend
 - check/test you're opting them out of

It is very important that we receive all the above information when you are opting your child out.

We provide this service to help protect the health of your child as part of our public task as a health service provider. Your child's school has provided us with your contact details. We will update your child's electronic health record of the outcome of our screening programme.

<http://www.cambscommunityservices.nhs.uk/docs/default-source/ig-privacy-notice/pn-hcp-service-v1-2-sept-2018.pdf?sfvrsn=16>

For information regarding the data collection and how it's used please see separate attachment – NCMP data collection.

Please do not hesitate to contact the team if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

Healthy Child Programme (HCP) team

Reception Year Vision and Hearing Screening

The Healthy Child Programme team will also be visiting your child's school to test the hearing and vision of children during their Reception year. A member of the school staff may be present during screening. We are working with the school to ensure COVID 19 precautions are followed to keep your child safe.

All children are eligible for this service on school entry, including those who wear glasses.

It is important to call us on **0300 300 0123** if your child:-

- **Has a programmable shunt fitted – Hearing screening equipment used by us can affect the programmable shunt – it is very important that you opt your child out of school hearing screening.**
- **Is under regular review at the hospital for ears, eyes or both**
- **Has additional needs**



Vision and hearing screening results

- **Pass result**
You will not receive a results letter if your child passes the screening.
- **Not passed or unable to test**
A letter will come home with your child on the day of screening with the results and further information on what happens next.

Your child's vision and hearing result will be shared with school. If you do not want us to share your child's vision and or hearing results with the school please contact us by the date shown in the grey box on page 2.

Please see page 2 of this letter on how to opt your child out of these checks.

Opting your child out of vision and hearing screening

If you are happy for your child to be screened, you do not need to do anything.

If you do not wish for your child to be screened please follow the steps below in the grey box.

To opt your child out of vision or hearing screening or both please follow the steps below:

- Contact us by **22.11.21** ***if you do not opt out by this date there is a chance your child may be seen***
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