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Dear Parent/Carer,

The School Public Health Teams at Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust routinely offer vision and hearing screening to all children in reception class. The screening will be carried out by trained members of the team in the Spring and Summer terms. Your child will be seen in small groups of 3 to 4 children within the school.

The results of the screening will be sent home within 2 to 4 weeks. Please check that your child's school has an up to date address and contact number for you to ensure the results letter are sent to the correct address or that we can contact you by phone if required. If there are concerns with your child's vision we will refer to the orthoptist for a follow up appointment. If there is a concern with your child's hearing we will re-test again in 8 to 10 weeks and if required will refer for a follow up appointment with the audiology department.

There are some cases when children will not be tested:

- If your child wears glasses they will not have their vision tested
- If your child is receiving treatment for a hearing problem or wears hearing aids they will not have their hearing tested.

If you would like to discuss any health concerns which could impact on your child's education please contact the School Public Health Team using the number at the top of this letter.

Opting your child out of the Hearing and Vision Screening

If you are happy for your child to have their hearing and vision checked you do not need contact us.

Trust HQ The Oast, Unit D, Hermitage Court, Hermitage Lane, Barming, near Maidstone, Kent ME16 9NT

If you do not want your child to take part in the hearing and vision screening, please let us know using the email address at the top of this letter, by the 10th May. Should you not have access to email please call on the number above by **Friday 10th May 2019**. Please ensure you provide us with your child's name, date of birth and school name and address so that we do not go against your wishes.

Please be aware that children will not be made to take part if they do not want to and we will contact you to let you know if this is the case.

If you have any questions relating to this letter or wish to speak to a member of the School Health Team, please contact us on the above telephone number or email address.

If you require more information regarding the Kent Community Health NHS Trust School Health service please visit www.kentyouthhealth.nhs.uk.

You may find it useful to keep this letter for future reference.

Information about how Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust collect and use information can be found at www.kentcht.nhs.uk/legal/

Yours sincerely



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