

19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

Audiology screeners will be coming to Kingfisher Hall Academy to check the hearing of children in our reception classes on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February and we are writing to ask if you wish your child to participate?

### **Why is this test important?**

This school screening hearing check is vital to check if there are any permanent or temporary hearing changes in a child's hearing. Significant hearing losses are still detected at this check in a number of children.

This hearing check is possibly the only one that your child will have, apart from the one at birth (depending on where they were born). All children born in the UK should have received a hearing screen shortly after birth. Even though your child may have passed this early screen, hearing can change at any point due to many factors (Infection, trauma, upper respiratory tract infections, wax etc.)

Although you may not have noticed a change in your child's hearing, even a small change in hearing can affect what they hear and therefore affect their communication and educational progress.

### **How will this test be performed?**

The hearing test will be performed at the academy by Ruth Droy, Masha Klubicka-Herdic or Carol Ure. They are Audiology screeners based at:-

#### Paediatric Audiology Department

Cedar House, St Michael's Primary Care Centre, Gater Drive, Enfield EN2 0JB

email: [enfield.audiology@nhs.net](mailto:enfield.audiology@nhs.net)

Tel: 020 8702 3462

<https://www.royalfree.nhs.uk/services/services-a-z/childrens-services/paediatric-audiology/>

### **What personal data will be collected and how will it be used?**

The results of the test as well as your child's full name, date of birth, address and a contact number will be collected by the audiologist and transferred to the clinic's secure office via NHS document bag.

*Neither your child's teacher or anyone at the academy will be informed of any of the results from the screening test as this is private information to you.* Results may be used anonymously to assist generate national statistics. Individuals will not be identified.

Records are archived and retained until the child reaches the age of 26 at which point they are permanently deleted / securely destroyed in line with NHS guidelines.

If your child does not pass the screening test then you will be contacted directly by the Paediatric Audiology Department and invited to attend the Audiology Clinic at St Michaels, Enfield where a more thorough hearing test will be performed and management arranged.

### **Consent**

Whilst we would encourage all children to participate, we recognise that it is the decision of parents whether or not their child does so. Please can you return the enclosed permission slip to the academy office before Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February so that the academy can make the appropriate arrangements for the hearing tests.

### **Questions**

If you have any questions you can contact the academy medical team in the first instance on 020 8804 4126 670 or by email at [medical.team@chat-edu.org.uk](mailto:medical.team@chat-edu.org.uk) or the Paediatric Audiology Department directly at the contact details above as it is the NHS clinic who are ultimately responsible for both the test and the processing of your child's personal data.

Yours Sincerely

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