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Health screening for Year 6 children – What you need to know

Dear parents and carers,

What is health screening?

Health screening helps us understand how children are doing with their health and wellbeing.

Children are offered health screening during **Reception, Year 6 and Year 9**.

As part of this programme, Year 6 pupils are invited to complete a **Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire** at school. Their answers help us identify whether they may benefit from additional support to stay happy, healthy, and ready to learn.

We use a safe and secure online system called School Screener to collect responses. All information is treated confidentially and stored securely.

When will it happen?

Between **Monday 5th October 2026 and Friday 18th December 2026**, all Year 6 pupils will be invited to complete the Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire during school time.

If you **do not want your child to take part**, you must **opt out by 1st October 2026** by registering on the School Screener Parent Portal and following the instructions. After this date, your child may be invited to complete the Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire.

If you are happy for your child to take part, **you do not need to do anything**.

To register and opt out, please:

- Scan the QR code or visit the [School Screener Parent Portal](https://wor012.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Worcestershire/g/HW422) (<https://wor012.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Worcestershire/g/HW422>)



Do you have a compliment, comment or complaint? Please contact the Patient Relations Team, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust, Kings Court 2, Charles Hastings Way, Worcester, Worcestershire, WR5 1JR. Tel: 01905 681517 Email: whcnhs.pals@nhs.net

We undertake research in our NHS Trust. You may be contacted by our Research Team in the future inviting you to participate in studies relevant to you.

Privacy notice: www.hacw.nhs.uk/privacy-notice. **For more information:** www.hacw.nhs.uk.

What to expect when my child completes the Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire

Before taking part, your child will watch a short video explaining what the Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire is, why it is being offered, how to complete it, what may happen afterwards, and that taking part is entirely optional.

Your child will complete the questionnaire using a school computer or tablet. They will answer questions about their health and wellbeing in a private setting, so that other children cannot see their responses. This helps them feel comfortable and confident when answering honestly.

Based on their responses, helpful information and advice may be provided on screen.

Once the questionnaire has been completed, the School Nursing Team will review the responses. If we feel your child may benefit from additional support, we may contact you to discuss this further. Any support offered will always be discussed with you first and, where appropriate, your consent will be obtained before any action is taken.

How to use the School Screener Parent Portal

If you would like to view your child's Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire responses and do not already have an account, you can register by using the same on the first page.

- For the best experience, we recommend using **Google Chrome** or **Microsoft Edge**.
- If you already have a School Screener account, you will receive an email when your child's letter is available. Simply sign in to the Parent Portal to view it.

What will be shared with parents and carers?

You'll get an email saying there's a letter ready for you to read on the Parent Portal. This letter will show a summary of your child's answers and include a QR code linking to helpful advice and support.

If we think your child may benefit from additional support, a member of the School Nursing Team may contact you to discuss this. It is important an up-to-date phone number is provided when you register for a Parent Portal account so that we can get in touch.

Our team will always ask for your permission before seeing your child in school or discussing your child with school to make sure they get the right help.

What will be shared with school?

Schools will get an anonymised report showing general health trends for all Year 6 children — but no names or personal details. If any personal information needs to be shared, we'll ask for your permission first.

What if my child has additional needs?

If your child needs extra help to take part, please speak with the school. We'll make sure everything is set up to support them.

How we use the information

Your child's answers help us give the best care. We may also use information that doesn't include names or personal details to help make health services better for all children.

If you would like to get in touch:

- Call your local School Nurse team on **One Simple Number - 01905 520032**
- Contact us via **Parent Line on 07312 263547**, which is a text service available Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm, excluding bank holidays.
- Email the team: whcnhs.worcsschoolscreener@nhs.net
- For more information about the School Screener platform, visit: <https://schoolscreener.com/>
- For more information about health screening in Worcestershire, visit: www.hacw.nhs.uk/phnschoolscreener
- For more information about the Worcestershire Public Health Nursing Service, visit: www.hacw.nhs.uk/phn

Yours sincerely,

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