

Please ensure that your child is fully immunised to protect them against vaccine preventable diseases. You can contact your School Nurse for advice.

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Dear Parent/Carer

School Health Service for Primary Schools

We wanted to write to you to outline the services that are available to support your child in Primary School from Trafford Local Care Organisation. We are the NHS organisation that provides these services in Trafford for you.

During your child's time at school, the following screening tests will be automatically offered to your child unless you wish to opt out. These are important as they help to identify any problems your child may have at an early stage.

Year Group	Screening Test	By whom
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measurement of height and weight• Hearing test• Vision screening	School Nursing Team
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Measurement of height and weight	School Nursing Team

If you do not wish your child to be seen in reception class, please let the school nurse know. You can do this by emailing or calling the team through the contact details at the top of this letter.

The full range of services that we offer children in Primary School is:

School Nursing Team

Every school has access to our team, led by experienced nurses working across the whole of the Trafford borough with a direct telephone number and voicemail. They work closely with children, parents or carers, teachers and other professionals. They are available to offer advice and support in relation to all aspects of your child's health and wellbeing, and offer:

- **The National Child Measurement Programme** – This involves measuring all reception and year 6 children. All information and results will be treated confidentially. No child's height or weight will be given to school staff or other children. You do not need to give consent, as you will be given the opportunity to opt out if you wish.
- **Immunisations** - If your child has missed any routine immunisations, please ring your GP practice. Due to measles outbreaks we would ask that you check that your child has received two doses – this is recommended for full protection.

[MMR vaccination \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)

- **General health concerns** - If you have any health concerns about your child that may be affecting them in school please contact a member of the School Nurse Team on the number above. Drop-in sessions are held in some primary schools, these can be held for either children (juniors) or parents.
- Please complete the attached health questionnaire and return to the school nurse.

School and Community Doctor Medical Services

Community Paediatricians are a team of specialist children's doctors with expertise in child development, behaviour, continence, growth, disability, complex needs and general children's health. They work closely with the school health team, nurseries and schools across the area.

They can provide advice on managing health conditions in school, consider how they may affect educational progress and work with the local educational authority, providing medical advice for children with special educational needs. Following discussion and agreement by the parent, children may be referred to a Community Paediatrician for assessment and advice. Referrals can be arranged through your School Nurse.

Children's Community Nurse Team

These are paediatric nurses who work within the community. They visit children with acute/short term care needs, chronic/long term conditions and complex and additional health needs. School nurses generally refer but parents can self-refer (as long as a clinical diagnosis has been made by a GP or other professional) by calling the team on 0161 934 8333.

Speech and Language Therapy Services (SLT)

This service is available for children who have identified Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN). SLTs deliver services from health centres and clinics and will deliver some services in school for children whose SLCN impacts on their ability to learn.

Hearing

Hearing loss can affect a child's ability to listen, learn and to progress satisfactorily in school. All Reception children are offered a screening test of hearing, carried out in school by a member of the School Nurse Team. If your child fails this test you will be contacted by telephone to discuss. If you do not hear from us your child will have passed the test. Any child who does not pass the screening test of hearing in school will be offered a referral to audiology with your consent.

Vision

All Reception children are offered a vision screening test, carried out in school by a member of the School Nurse Team. If your child fails this test you will be contacted by telephone to discuss. If you do not hear from us your child will have passed the test. Any child who does not pass the vision screening in school will be offered a referral to Orthoptics with your consent.

Please retain this letter for the duration of your child's attendance at primary school and do not hesitate to contact us for advice and support at any time right through from reception to year 6.

Yours sincerely

Personalise to each area.