

Dear Parent/Carer

The School Nursing Service in Bradford District Care Foundation Trust provides a health service to all school aged children.

We would like to see your child in school to undertake a hearing test, this will be performed by a member of the school nursing team. The school nursing team will arrange the session with the school and each child will be seen individually for the test. Children will not be made to participate if they do not want to.

National guidance from the British Society of Audiology advises caution in audiological assessment for people who have a PVP shunt. If your child has a shunt, please inform the school nursing team as your child will not have their screening carried out in school, but your child will be referred directly to the audiology department for assessment.

As an inclusive service, we would like to provide some assurance for children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). We understand that for some children, interventions like these may be challenging, however we will allow extra time and preparation support for those children who require this. We encourage early exposure to positive interventions with nurses to help build confidence with medical interventions in later life. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the School Nursing Service.

We will always contact you if we need to refer your child for further tests/investigations following the hearing test. Otherwise, if you do not hear from us, please assume the test was within normal limits.

If you are happy for your child to have a hearing test completed you do not need to do anything, they will be seen in school in due course.

If you do not want your child to have a hearing test and would like to opt out or your child has a medical condition that affects their hearing then please click on this link.

<https://bradford.childscreening.co.uk/Forms/ChildScreeningOptOut>

The opt out form needs to be completed within 2 weeks of receiving this email. If you have problems with the link please ring our School Nursing Admin Hub: 01274 221223 / 221203.

By agreeing for your child to be seen you are consenting to the information about your child being recorded and becoming part of your child's health record. This information is held on a secure confidential electronic system and shared with other health professionals involved in your child's care including your child's GP.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, on the above number, if you have any further queries.

The School Nursing Team