



Information for parents, carers and schools

School Hearing Screening Service

A guide to school hearing screening in Preston, Chorley and South Ribble



What is school hearing screening?

This is a routine hearing assessment aimed at identifying potential hearing loss. It is offered to all children in year 1 and is carried out by the School Hearing Screening Team.

Why is it important to screen children's hearing?

Your child's hearing is very important to their learning, development and school progress. The earlier an issue is identified the sooner your child can be helped and actions taken to support them.

What is the impact of undetected hearing loss?

Hearing loss can affect your child's communication and understanding of what is going on around them in school and at home. This can affect their education, behaviour and confidence in social settings.



What happens prior to a school hearing screening visit?

The local education service identifies a list of year one children eligible for school screening. The school screening team contacts individual schools to arrange a suitable date and a quiet room to carry out the test.

Schools distribute consent forms and collect in time for the screening to take place. Parent/carers are asked to inform the service about current treatment or known hearing loss.

What happens during the hearing screening test?

The children whose parents/carers have provided consent will be invited in small groups to take part in the screening process. Our team of screeners (Audiometricians) will ask the children to raise their hands or complete and action when a sound from the headphones is heard in the room.

After a practice the children will be asked to wear headphones and respond to the sounds they hear in the same way. A range of tones (frequencies) are tested in each ear to check the responses are at a satisfactory level for their age.



What happens after the hearing screening test?

Parents/carers and the school are informed of the outcome of the initial screening test via letter.

If your child does not respond to the sounds made, they will be given another hearing test approximately one or two months later. This will most likely be at school but you may be invited to attend a local clinic if a retest falls within the school holidays.

If your child does not respond to all the sounds at the second test satisfactorily, they will be referred to the Paediatric Audiology Service

for a further and more detailed assessment. Parents/carers and schools will be informed of any referrals made.

It is important to be aware that a failure to respond satisfactorily on the second visit does not necessarily mean that there is impairment of hearing.

Concerns about children in other year groups

Children's hearing can fluctuate and conditions such as glue ear is common amongst ages 2 to 11, so it is important to investigate any concerns. Referrals can be made to the Paediatric Audiology service for testing via the GP, SALT, school nurses and health visitors.

Contact details

Should you require further advice or information please contact; Paediatric Audiology Service, Fulwood Clinic, 4 Lytham Road, Fulwood, Preston PR2 8JB Telephone: 01772 401310

Sources of further information

www.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk

www.nhs.uk

www.ndcs.org.uk

www.accessable.co.uk

www.patient.co.uk

All our patient information leaflets are available on our website for patients to access and download:

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Gujarati:

આ માહિતીને સમજવામાં સહાયતા જોઈતી હોય તો કૃપા કરીને પૂછો. આ માહિતી મોટા છપાણામાં અને અન્ય ભાષામાં ઉપલબ્ધ કરી શકાય છે.

Romanian:

Vă rugăm să întrebați dacă aveți nevoie de ajutor pentru înțelegerea acestor informații. Aceste informații pot fi puse la dispoziție în format mare și în alte limbi.”

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Punjabi:

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਸਮਝਣ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮਦਦ ਲੈਣੀ ਚਾਹੋਗੇ ਤਾਂ ਕਰਿਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸ ਬਾਰੇ ਪੁੱਛੋ। ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਵੱਡੇ ਪ੍ਰਿੰਟ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰਨਾਂ ਭਾਸ਼ਾਵਾਂ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਮੁਹੱਈਆ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੈ।

Urdu:

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Arabic:

مطبوعة بأحرف كبيرة و بلغات إذا كنت تريد مساعدة في فهم هذه المعلومات يُرجى أن تطلب
أخرى يمكن توفير هذه المعلومات

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