

SUDLEY INFANT SCHOOL

Dear Parent and Carers,

During your child's Reception year in school they would have been offered via the school health service a screening of height/weight/hearing/vision, however due to Covid and national direction screenings were paused.

School Health have worked in partnership with education and will be planning to visit your child's school from Jan 2021 to offer their screening, you will receive communication nearer the time from your child's school. However, if you have any concerns regarding your child height/weight/hearing/vision in the mean time you can contact your school nurse via the school office.

We have provided some signs/symptoms that will help you identify if your child does require a referral rather than wait for the screening programme.

Current reception children will be screened from February 2021 onwards.

Vision

- Concerns of squint. Eyes look crossed, turn out, or don't focus together
- Family history of wearing glasses in childhood
- Drooping eyelid
- Holding things close to see them.
- Getting close to the tv.
- Complaining of reduced vision.
- Complaining of frontal headaches.
- Complaining of double vision
- Closing one eye.
- Screwing both eyes up.
- Short attention span with sustained close work.
- Not recognising people in the distance.
- Rubbing eyes, one or both.
- Frequent trips and falls.
- White or cloudy pupil

Hearing

- Does not respond when called
- Constantly asks for speech to be repeated
- Watches faces/lips intently
- Doesn't always follow instructions straightaway
- Often misunderstands or ignores instructions
- Makes little or no contribution to group discussions

- Watches what others are doing before doing it themselves
- Complains about not being able to hear
- Tires easily
- Appears inattentions or as though day dreaming
- Plays alone and doesn't engage with group social activities
- Becomes easily frustrated

We would also like to sign post you towards the NDCS website, which has a wealth of useful information.

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/information-and-support/childhood-deafness/does-my-child-have-a-hearing-loss/>