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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 is a way to check how children are doing with their health and wellbeing. It happens in Reception, **Year 6**, and Year 9. Children fill out a **short health questionnaire** at school, and this helps us understand if children need extra support to be happy and healthy both in and out of school.

We use a secure and private online system called **School Screener** to collect the answers.

### When Will It Happen?

Starting from the **beginning of November 2025 until the end of January 2026**, Year 6 children will be invited to complete the questionnaire during school time.

If you do not want your child to take part, you can **opt-out** by logging into the School Screener Parent Portal or by calling your local School Nurse Team using One Number; 01905 520032, **but this will need to be done by 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 at the latest.**

### What to Expect When My Child Completes the Health Questionnaire

Your child will be shown a **short video** which explains everything they need to know before taking part. They'll use a **school computer or tablet** to answer questions about **their health and how they feel.**

Your child will be given **privacy** while they complete the questionnaire, so **no one else can see their answers.** This helps them feel **safe and confident** when sharing how they're doing.

Some **helpful messages** might pop up based on their answers. They will also be given **easy-to-use links to trusted websites** where they can find more **information and support.**

**School Nurses** will look at the completed questionnaires afterwards and **may offer extra support** if needed. This will always be discussed with you first.

**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.

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### 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**.

A member of the **School Nurse** team may get in touch to talk about your child's answers if they consider more **help could be offered**. 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 your child gets the right help.

### What will be shared with school?

Schools will get a **report** showing general **health trends** for 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 let us know. We'll make sure everything is set up to **support them**.

### How to use the School Screener Parent Portal

If you don't have an account yet, you can register using this link:

<https://wor012.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Worcestershire/q/HW385>

You will find it easier if you use **Google Chrome** or **Microsoft Edge**

If you already have an account, you'll get an email when your child's letter is ready. Just sign in to read it.

### 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 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm excluding bank holidays.
- For more information about the Schoolscreener platform, visit: <https://schoolscreener.com/>
- For more information about health screening in Worcestershire, visit: [www.hacw.nhs.uk/phn-schoolscreener](http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/phn-schoolscreener)
- For more information about the Worcestershire Public Health Nursing Service, visit: [www.hacw.nhs.uk/phn](http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/phn)

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