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Dear Head Teacher,

The School Nursing Service in Bradford District Care Foundation Trust provides a health service to all school aged children and would like to update you of the following:

### **National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) & Audiology Screening – School Reception Age Pupils**

The National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) is a vital part of our public health approach to protect the health and wellbeing of children in England. It helps the NHS and local authorities to plan and deliver local healthy weight services for children. In England, children have their height and weight measured in reception and year 6. Each child's height and weight measurements will be completed by our school nurse screening team, who are trained healthcare professionals. Children should be fully dressed except for their coats and shoes and the measurements will be done in a private area away from other pupils. Children will not be told their measurements on the day to avoid any comparisons in class and no child's height or weight measurements will be given to school staff.

The measurements will be recorded on each individual child's health record and the information will also be submitted to the Public Health NCMP Portal in a way that means individual children cannot be directly identified and will be treated confidentially. After the measurements have been taken parents/carers will receive a letter (and potentially an additional contact call) if their child is outside the healthy weight range and be offered support or provided with information about support services available. Please see the website parents have been signposted to:

<https://mylivingwell.co.uk/family-health/national-child-measurement-programme-ncmp>

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Children in reception year will also be offered a hearing test conducted at school. Dependant on the result we may retest or refer to specialist services as necessary. It is important that the Screening Team have access to a quiet room to effectively the monitor hearing of any children. Noisy environments can make testing difficult and sometimes result in unnecessary specialist hospital referrals. Following confirmation from the Team Leader or another member of the Senior Leadership Team, staff have the right to refuse to provide hearing screening, if the environment provided is unsuitable.

Parents/ Carers may opt their child out of the NCMP or hearing screening programme by clicking on the following link <https://bradford.childscreening.co.uk/Forms/NCMP> . They need to do this within 2 weeks from the date the email has been received. This is a new process for 23/24 and if there are any an issues, they can ring our Admin Hub on 01274 221203.

**Further information regarding confidentiality, sharing information and operational guidelines can be found within the School Nurse Agreement which should have been completed at the beginning of the academic year.**

Kind regards

The School Nursing Team

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