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Dear Parent/Carer

Height and weight checks for children in reception and year 6

The Locala 0–19 team is part of Locala Community Partnerships and is available to all school aged children in Kirklees. As part of the school health entrant screening your child's height, weight and vision will be screened in school by a member of the team.

This also feeds into the National Childhood Measurement Programme (NCMP). Every year in England, school children in reception and year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the this. Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status, which will then be communicated to you via SMS text message with links to further resources to support the health of your child. We collect this information because it is important to monitor the health of children for public health purposes and to ensure parents have the best information about how they can bring up healthy and happy children. Your child's class will take part in this year's programme. Further information about the National Child Measurement Programme can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/national-child-measurement-programme>

The checks are carried out by registered school nurses or trained health and care providers. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

Your child's data

Your child's height, weight, date of measurement, sex and date of birth are used to calculate your child's weight category (also known as body mass index, or BMI).

Your child's name, date of birth and NHS Number are used to link your child's measurement in reception and year 6.

Other data sets held by NHS England and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) may also be linked to allow information from health and education records to be added, where lawful to do so. This helps understand how and why the weight of children is changing, and how this affects children's health and education and how the care children receive can be improved. These other data sets may include your child's health data relating to :

- their birth

- hospital care (including time in hospital and out-patient appointments and diagnosis of medical conditions)
- mental health
- social care
- primary care (including all healthcare outside of hospital, such as GP and dental appointments)
- public health (including data relating to preventing ill health, such as immunisation records)
- records for when and the reason why people pass away
- medical conditions, such as cancer and diabetes
- health, lifestyle and wellbeing surveys that your child has participated in

Your child ethnicity and address are used to help understand some of the reasons for the difference and changes in child weight across England.

Information about how your data is collected and used, and for more information about the programme, visit: [The National Child Measurement Programme - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

A child in their best state of health is much more likely to fulfill their full potential, thrive and be happy. For children in reception year, we would like to give you the opportunity to visit our website to complete a self-assessment which asks you about your child's health and development and provides helpful information in return.

The website also provides you with information around key health and development topics and highlights which health checks your child should have had. Should you identify any concerns or require any further support you can also refer to the 0-19 team for individual support.

<https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk/school-health-self-assessment/> you can also access our NCMP webpage for further information and detail of the screening process. locala.org.uk/services/health-visiting/ncmp

We have changed the way we provide screening results to parents/carers. The feedback will be sent via SMS text message containing a letter attached. To open this, you will need to enter a security code, which will be included in the SMS text message and your child's date of birth. Please ensure your contact details are correct. If you do not receive feedback within 1 week of your child being screened, please contact us.

As part of the process your child's teacher will also be asked if there are any health concerns about your child.

Should any health concerns be raised by you, your school, or the 0-19 Team, we will contact you to discuss them further. The results from your child's health screening will be sent to you and may be shared with your child's school. Individual results are not shared with your child. The contact from the 0-19 Team will provide advice such as adjustments within the classroom for vision problems, or to inform you if a re-visit to school will be necessary. Information from your child's screening will be stored as part of your child's electronic health record.

If you do not wish for your child to be screened in school, please contact us on the above telephone number within the next 7 days.

Yours sincerely,

Lindsey Bedford

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Locala 0 – 19 Team Leader

How your child's data is collected and processed as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

Local authorities have a legal duty to collect the NCMP data. They do this by following guidance from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities part of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). Local authorities are responsible for making decisions on how the data is collected and for making sure it is protected. Local NCMP service providers are contracted to carry this out; this might be through the school nursing team working in schools or a local healthcare provider. The team collecting the data enter it into the NCMP IT system, which is provided by NHS Digital. The data may also be entered into a local child health information system. Your local authority is responsible for sending the data to NHS Digital. NHS Digital and the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities are jointly responsible for the data held at a national level. Your local authority is responsible for the data held locally.

Information about how NHS Digital and Office for Health Improvement and Disparities collect and use information can be found at [How we look after your health and care information - NHS England Digital](#) and [Personal information charter - Department of Health and Social Care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The diagram below displays what happens to your child's data as part of the NCMP.

