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Dear Parent/Guardian

Routine hearing screening will take place in school whilst your child is in Year 1. The screening test is carried out by trained clinicians from Manor Hospital Audiology Department. The test involves putting headphones over your child's ears and asking them to respond to beeps by tapping a stick or putting a toy into a box.

It is still important to screen your child's hearing again when they are 5-6 yrs old, even if your child passed their Newborn Hearing Screen, because a mild hearing loss may not have been picked up, or your child could have developed a hearing loss since they were a baby. Hearing problems can affect the development of children's speech and communication skills. It can also affect their behaviour and ability to learn.

You will be notified of the exact date of the test nearer the time. You do not need to be present for the screen.

- **If your child passes the screen on the first or second visit, you will not** receive notification. No further action is required.
- **If your child is absent on the day of the screen**, there will be another opportunity for them to be screened 6-8 weeks later. If they are also absent for the second screen we will offer your child an appointment for a diagnostic hearing assessment at the hospital.
- **If your child does not pass the screen on the first visit**, they will be retested 6-8 weeks later. If your child does not pass the screen on the second visit or they are absent for the second screen, we will offer your child an appointment for a diagnostic hearing assessment at the hospital.

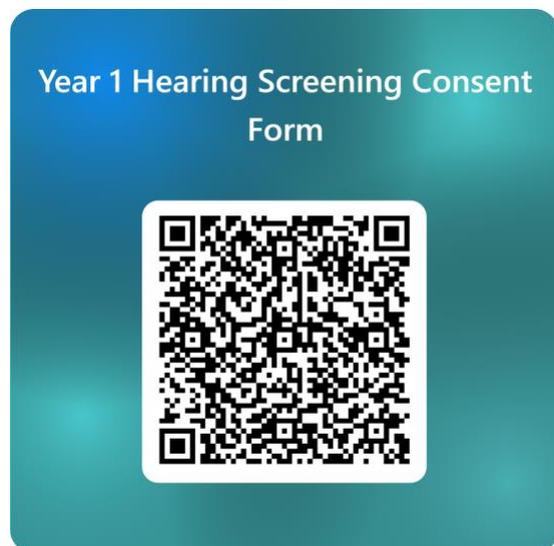


**IMPORTANT** Children who have been fitted with a PVP Shunt (a surgically implanted device in a ventricle of the brain as a treatment for hydrocephalus) cannot have their hearing screened in school. This is because the magnetic field within the headphones can affect the programming of the shunt.

If your child has a PVP Shunt, please still complete the consent form below and follow the instructions.

Please complete and submit the online consent form as soon as possible, by scanning the QR code below or by visiting

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/x8i0rxJb1h>



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact

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Many Thanks

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