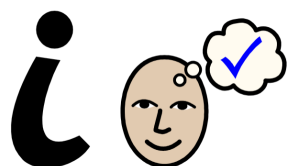


Growth, Hearing and Sight Checks for children in Reception Year



Why do children in Reception (Year R) have their growth, sight and hearing checked?

	<p>Children in Reception Year have their height, weight, hearing and vision checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Height and weight are used to calculate weight categories of children.</p>
	<p>This helps us understand how many children are overweight, healthy weight or underweight. Your child's class will take part in this year's programme.</p>
	<p>The checks are done by trained health care support workers. Children are measured with their clothes on, except for their coats and shoes. This is done in a private space away from other pupils.</p>
	<p>Some children may need to be seen again or referred to another health professional. This could be a Paediatrician (children's doctor), a hearing specialist, vision (sight) specialist or you may be asked to take your child to a local optician.</p> <p>All of this information will be included in the results letter that will come home with your child.</p>



The information we collect and what it is used for:

	<p>Your child's age, gender, and date of birth are used to calculate your child's weight category.</p>
	<p>Your child's name, date of birth and NHS Number are used to link your child's measurements from Reception and Year 6.</p> <p>Linking your child's information in this way helps us to understand how and why the weight status of children is changing, and how this affects children's health.</p>
	<p>Your child's ethnicity and address are used to help understand some of the reasons for the difference and changes in child weight across England.</p>
	<p>Your address is needed to send you your child's feedback letter. This will include your child's measurements and information about healthy eating and being active.</p>
	<p>We need your email address and telephone number if we need discuss child's feedback or send you your child's feedback letter by email.</p> <p>We may also offer you further support after your child's height and weight measurement.</p>
	<p>All this information is treated confidentially and held securely by us. No individual measurements will be given to school staff or other children.</p> <p>Information about how we collect and use information can be found at "Your Information, Your Rights" page on our website www.solent.nhs.uk</p>



Withdrawing your child from the National Child Measurement Programme

	<p>If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything.</p>
	<p>If you do not want your child's height and weight to be checked, or your child has a medical condition that affects their height or weight please let us know by calling 0300 123 6629 or email us at portsmouthschoolnursingservice@solent.nhs.uk</p>
	<p>Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.</p>



Further information

	<p>Further information about the National Child Measurement Programme can be found at: www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/national-child-measurement-programme</p>
	<p>Information and fun ideas to help your kids stay healthy can be found at: www.nhs.uk/change4life</p>