

Dear Parent/Carer

Paediatric Audiology Service (Hearing Screening In Schools)

We will shortly be visiting your child's school to carry out hearing screening. Hearing screening is undertaken as part of the school health service. The procedure is simple. Your child listens to various sounds through headphones. It only takes a few minutes.

There are many reasons why children do not respond well in school:-

- 1) They may not understand what to do
- 2) They may be apprehensive or shy
- 3) They may not be very well (e.g. they may have a cold)
- 4) It may be noisy or otherwise distracting in school
- 5) They may have a hearing problem

Children who do not respond satisfactorily are invited to attend the local audiology clinic at The Integrated Care Centre, Oldham where a full hearing test is carried out in quieter conditions with parent/carer present, and where there is more time for the test.

Any hearing problems may adversely affect a child's progress in school

The outcome of the hearing screening will be sent to you via your child through the school with advice of any further action if required.

If your child did not respond satisfactorily in school you will be requested to make an appointment for him/her to attend the audiology clinic for a hearing assessment.

If your child was absent from school on the day of the hearing screening you will be invited to make an appointment to arrange hearing screening at the clinic.

If you do not wish to have his/her hearing screened in school you must notify the audiology department on 0161-621-3472 as soon as you receive this letter.

Audiology Services