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Invitation to complete the Health Screening Questionnaire for children starting school in September 2026

To parents and carers,

As part of the National Healthy Child Programme, children in **Reception**, Year 6, and Year 9 across Worcestershire are invited to complete a Health Screening Questionnaire at different points during the school year. The aim is to identify any health concerns early, so that advice and support can be provided to help children reach their full potential.

What is health screening?

When your child begins school, you'll be invited to **complete a questionnaire** about your child's health. This helps us understand if your child needs any extra help with their health. We use a safe and private website called **School Screener**.

The Health Screening Questionnaire is completely optional. If you do not wish to complete the questionnaire, you do not need to do anything.

When should I fill out the questionnaire?

If you wish to take part, **please complete the questionnaire as soon as possible after receiving this letter**. A reminder to complete the questionnaire will be sent when your child starts school. After this, the questionnaire will **close on the 30th September 2026**, and you will no longer be able to take part.

How do I complete the questionnaire?

To complete the questionnaire, you will need to **make an account on the School Screener platform**. We call this section of the website the **Parent Portal**. In the Parent Portal you can:

- Complete the questionnaire
- View results and information about your child's health
- Access public health information

How do I sign up to the Parent Portal?

First you need to **make an account on the School Screener Parent Portal using the links below**. It's easiest to use Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome. When signing up:

- use the **same details you gave when applying for your child's school place**.
- **carefully check the name of your child's school**. Some schools in Worcestershire have similar names.
- include a **phone number** we can use if we need to contact you.
- Once your account is ready, you can **fill in the health form online**.

Click this link or scan the QR code to register:



Or

<https://wor012.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Worcestershire/g/2627RHNA>

A leaflet is provided with instructions on how to register and use the system. This is also available on our website: www.hacw.nhs.uk/phn-schoolscreener.

Accessibility support

If you need any support signing up or completing the questionnaire, please let us know. We can arrange for you to complete the questionnaire in a way that works for you. Please do not hesitate to contact us on one of the methods below.

What happens after I complete the questionnaire?

Your answers help us give your child the best care. Based on your answers, we might:

- Share helpful health tips
- Give you links to local or national support
- Call you if you've asked for help or if we think we can offer extra support.

If we need to see your child at school, we will always ask you first, and we'll always ask for your permission before sharing any information with other services.

We also share reports with schools and health teams, but these reports **don't include**

personal details. The information you provide helps us understand what children need in schools and local areas, so we can plan better support.

Want to know more?

If you'd like more details about how we keep your information safe, please contact us to ask about the Trust's Privacy Notice.

- For more information about the SchoolScreener platform, visit: <https://schoolscreener.com/>
- For more information about health screening in Worcestershire, visit: www.hacw.nhs.uk/phn-schoolscreener
- For more information about the Worcestershire Public Health Nursing Service, visit: www.hacw.nhs.uk/phn

Contact us

If you have any questions or need help filling out the questionnaire, please get in touch:

- **Phone:** 01905 520032
- **Text:** Parent Line on 07312 263547, available Mon-Fri 9am-5pm excluding bank holidays.
- **Email:** WHCNHS.WorcsSchoolScreener@nhs.net
- **Website:** www.hacw.nhs.uk/schoolhealthnursing

We're happy to help and want to make this process as easy as possible for you and your child.

Thank you for helping us keep your child healthy and happy.

Regards,

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Please tell us about your experience of Our Services at 0-19 Public Health Nurse School Nurses Service.

Your story can make a difference.

They will help us to hear what's good and what could be improved.

Free phone number to tell your story: **0800 122 31 35**

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