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## Screening for Hearing Difficulties

Child Health System Support Team  
Central Clinic,  
21 Orchard Street,  
Swansea  
SA1 5AT  
☎ 01792 517900

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A Hearing Screener will be attending your child's school during the academic year to routinely screen the children's hearing. If you do not wish your child to have this important hearing check, you should inform the Head Teacher in writing immediately.

If your child already wears hearing aids and has check ups within the audiology department, they will not receive a hearing test.

**IMPORTANT** - If your child has had **head surgery to insert a shunt**, please contact the Audiology department on 01792 285270 or [SBU.ChildrenAudiology@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:SBU.ChildrenAudiology@wales.nhs.uk).

**What does the hearing screen involve?** The test will be completed by an experienced Childrens Hearing Screener who will place headphones on your child's ears and will teach them to respond when they hear a sound.

**Will I be told the result?** You will **ONLY** be informed if your child does **not** pass the screen.

**If my child does not pass the hearing screen what happens next?** If your child does not pass the screen, we will let you know and will probably want to re-screen your child's hearing in around 6 -8 weeks. This is because temporary hearing losses are common in children, especially if they have coughs and colds. Also, some children may be too shy or nervous to complete the test on the first occasion but may be more confident during the second test.

**What happens if my child is absent for the hearing screen?** If your child is not present when the Hearing Screener visits their school they will return at a later date. If your child isn't present on the second or third attempt, you will receive a letter advising you what further options are available for your child.

It is helpful for us to share the information about your child's test results with the school. If you do not wish us to do this please inform us on 01792 285270.

Yours sincerely

Hearing Screening Service