

# School Nursing Service

## School Entry Health Screening 2019/20

All area – version 3  
Parent / Carer Information

During this year at school the School Nursing Service routinely visit Reception Class in your child's school to undertake vision screening and height and weight measurements. There are full details on how the data collected is processed on our school nursing website or by requesting this by email from:

[bht.schoolhealth-screening@nhs.net](mailto:bht.schoolhealth-screening@nhs.net)

### The Screening Programme

The checks are carried out by a trained team of School Health Assistants, in a private space away from other pupils. Parents / Carers are requested to **opt-out of this if they DO NOT** wish their child to take part, see Opt-out process below.

**Vision Screening** – The NHS recommends vision screening at age 4 to 5 years. We want to identify children with reduced vision in one or both eyes. The aim is to detect any problems early so your child can receive effective treatment. The test is carried out in school and individual results letters are sent to you. In some instances we may telephone you to discuss our findings and a possible referral. It is important that your child's eyes are checked regularly by an optician, which is **free** to all school age children. If your child is being seen by the Hospital's Eye Department then please advise us of this. Please note we will not test children who wear glasses.

**National Childhood Measurement Programme** – Each year in England, School children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Childhood Measurement Programme. Their weight will not be told to them, (although they may overhear their height). Children who take part will be asked to remove their shoes and coats only, all cultural needs will be respected and a child will not be made to do it. You will receive a letter by post and it is your decision to share the details with the child. You may receive a telephone call and offered support and advice depending on the measurements. We acknowledge that every child is unique and will grow and develop differently, so we will ask you about this when we talk with you. The measurements are taken at one moment in time and for some children a few grams or centimetres can make the difference to the result.

### Opt-out Process

**If you DO NOT want your child to participate in the Screening Programme let us know via:**

[bht.schoolhealth-screening@nhs.net](mailto:bht.schoolhealth-screening@nhs.net)

Please note this is to be used for screening queries and opting-out only

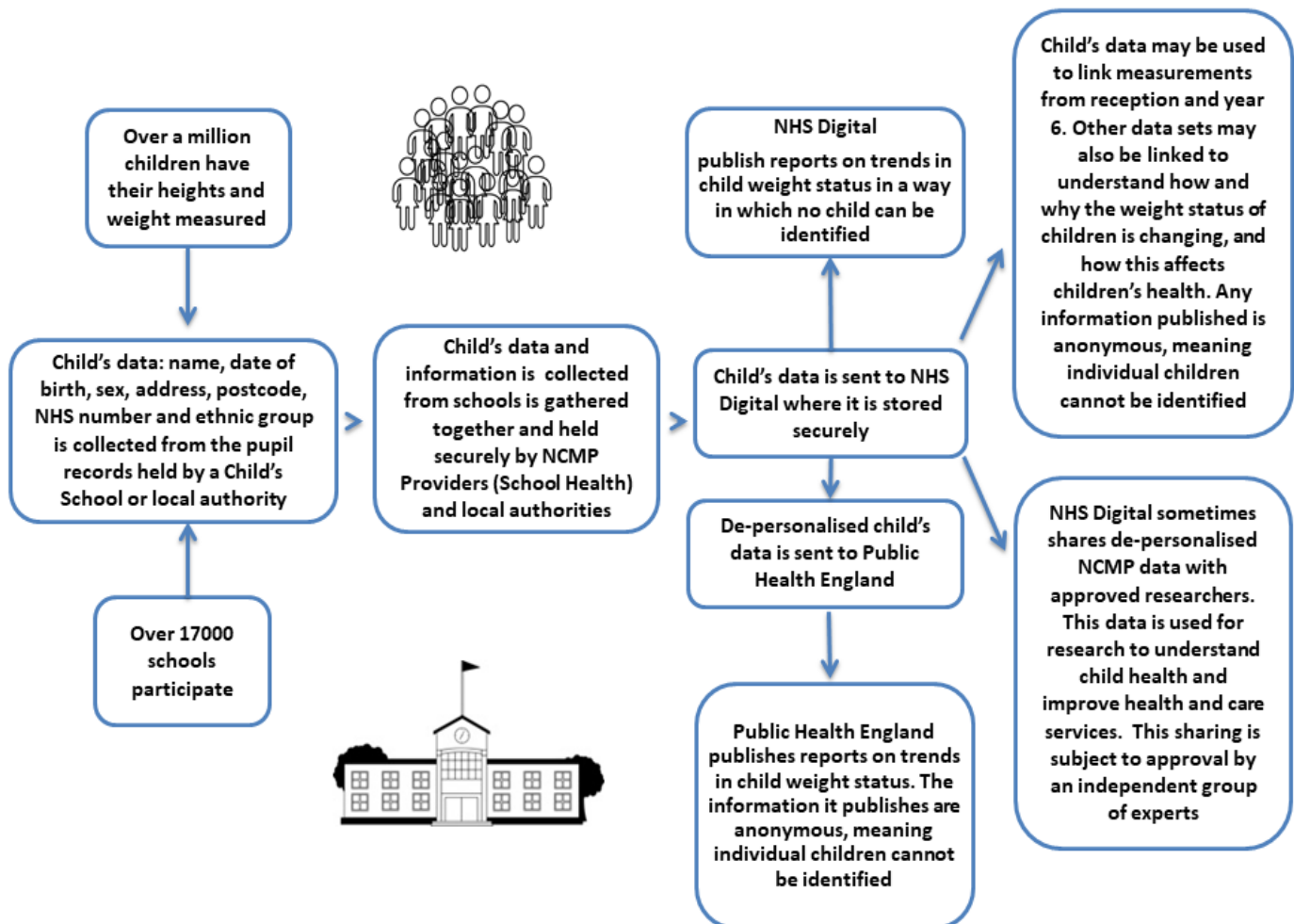
**Please provide the following details:** Child's Full Name (or known by name if different) : Date of Birth : School : Gender: NHS number (if known): Name of parent/person with parental responsibility declining the screening: return contact details. (Children with glasses will not be screened)

**Clearly state whether it is vision screening or height and weight or both.**

## Summary - How the data is used

Under the UK Data Protection Act 2018 and EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) any processing of personal data must have a lawful basis. The information collected for this programme falls within the category of data concerning health and the most appropriate lawful bases considered for this purpose is 'compliance with a legal obligation' and the 'provision of health and social care'. (Article 6 and 9 of GDPR) Any data collected during this programme will be treated confidentially and will not be used for any other purposes unless statutory legislation permits otherwise. Please read our Fair Processing Notice on the Bucks Healthcare website on details on how we process person identifiable data. The data is held by the local authority and sent to NHS Digital and Public Health England, where it is stored securely and used for analysis. It builds a picture of how children are growing to help plan better services for families.

The chart below displays what happens to your child's data as part of the NCMP.



Contact and referral details:  
[www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing](http://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing)  
 There is more detailed information on the School Nursing Website regarding how the data is processed.