



Dear parents/ guardians

## Hearing Screening at school

Your school wants to ensure the best learning environment for your child and is offering the opportunity for your child to participate in the **Hear and Say Hearing Screening Program**.

This service is conducted by qualified Hear and Say Audiologists and or Audiometrists in your school. Screening for your student will take place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> or Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**.

Research indicates that as many as 15% of school children may be affected by slight and mild hearing loss (Hearing in Schools Study, 2005). A student's hearing may change over time, often without even the child or parent noticing. It is important to monitor hearing even if previous hearing tests have been passed. Hearing difficulties may have a significant effect on a student's ability to learn. Students with even mild hearing loss may experience educational difficulties and behavioural problems and often require increased support at school.

This program is an excellent opportunity for you to have your child's hearing screened by trained professionals in Paediatric Audiology, ensuring your child gets the most out of their educational experience.

The testing will consist of the following:

- Screening hearing test for both ears under headphones
- Testing of the function of the middle ear for both ears
- Recommendation/s based on the results obtained

The screening will take no more than 15 minutes and will be adapted according to your child's responses. The testing will be performed by a certified Audiologist or audiometrist experienced in Paediatric Audiology. A summary of the results will be sent home with your child which will indicate the results of their screen and, if necessary, make recommendations for further comprehensive diagnostic testing at Hear and Say or a referral to a General Practitioner for medical intervention. Hear and Say may also contact you to follow up on your child's results.

**Please return the attached consent form to your school before Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017.**

The consent form gives permission for your school to have a copy of your child's results. You may find that providing a copy of your child's results to the school could be beneficial for your child's education. Please tick the box on the consent form if you are happy to share your child's results.

Please feel free to contact the Audiology team at Hear and Say if you have any questions about your child's results or at any time if you have concerns about your child's hearing on 3850 2111.

Kind regards



Lisa Bath – Practice Manger  
Hear and Say