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Dear Parent/Guardian,

If your child is in Year 6, they would normally have had their height and weight screened as part of the NCMP programme. If your child is in Reception year, they would normally have been offered a New Entry Health Review (NEHR) when they started school. This involves completing the questionnaire and your child having a hearing, vision and height and weight screen. **(This is separate to the National Child Measurement Programme NCMP).**

This year due to the ongoing pandemic and difficulties with safely providing screening to children in schools, this has not been possible. However, now that children have returned to school the decision has been made to complete vision screening **only** for all reception children. The reason for this is that this is the one screen that children would not have received to date and vision difficulties can often be hidden while being detrimental to their learning and health in the long term.

To ensure your child receives this important screen you do not need to do anything. However, if you do not wish for your child to take part, please let us know by writing to the Screening Coordinator, School Nursing, Midford House, St.Martins Hospital, Clara Cross Lane, Bath, BA2 5RP or email BathNES.NCMP@virginicare.co.uk stating your child's name and school **within two weeks of the date on this email.**

If you require any further information or have any queries, please call the team on 01225 831666 between 09.00 – 17.00 Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely

Screening Coordinator
School Nursing Team