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## Year 9 Health Screening 2025/26 – What You Need to Know

Dear parents and carers,

As children grow up, their health needs can change. Health checks make sure young people get the right support to stay healthy, learn well, and enjoy life. In Worcestershire, health screening is offered in Reception, Year 6, and **Year 9** as part of the *National Healthy Child Programme*.

### When will it happen?

Year 9 health screening will start in **February 2026** and continue until the end of the school year.

### What is involved in 'Health Screening'?

Your child will be invited to complete an online questionnaire using a computer or tablet at school.

The Health Screening Questionnaire will ask your child simple questions about their general health and wellbeing. This includes topics such as lifestyle, emotional health, feeling safe, friendships and relationships, experiences of bullying and time spent on screens.

### What do I need to do?

Please read the leaflets attached.

You are invited to register for a School Screener Parent Portal account and give up-to-date contact details, using the link below. This helps us get in touch if we need to make contact after questionnaires are completed.

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

### What support is available for my child?

Short health messages will pop up while they complete the questionnaire.

They will be given a QR code linking to local and national support services.

Posters and flyers will also show where to find help.

**Do you have a compliment, comment or complaint?** Please contact the Patient Relations Team, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust, Kings Court 2, Charles Hastings Way, Worcester, Worcestershire, WR5 1JR. Tel: 01905 681517 Email: whcnhs.pals@nhs.net

**We undertake research in our NHS Trust.** You may be contacted by our Research Team in the future inviting you to participate in studies relevant to you.

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Depending on answers, a School Nurse may contact your child through the Chat Health texting service, arrange a meeting in school, or contact you (with your child's consent).

### What information is shared with school?

Schools will receive reports showing health trends of Year 9 students. These reports do not include any names or personal details. This information helps schools develop their Health Improvement Plans.

If a child's safety, or the safety of others, is at risk, information will be shared with the school through a vulnerability discussion so the right support can be put in place.

### Consent

Young people under 16 can agree to take part in the health questionnaire if they understand what it involves.

Some children (for example, those with learning disabilities or certain health conditions) may need extra support. In these cases, a parent or carer with legal responsibility will be asked to give consent.

### Confidentiality

The information your child shares will be treated as confidential.

School Nurses will only share details with parents and carers or school staff if your child agrees, or if there are concerns about their safety or the safety of others.

### Children who may need extra help

We want the process to be fair and inclusive. If your child needs extra help to take part, please let us know.

If you would like to **get in touch**,

- call your local School Nurse team on 'One Simple Number, 01905 520032'
- contact us via **Parent Line on 07312 263547**, which is a text service available Mon-Fri 9am-5pm excluding bank holidays.

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](http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/phn-schoolscreener)

For more information about the Worcestershire Public Health Nursing Service, visit: [www.hacw.nhs.uk/phn](http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/phn)

Yours sincerely

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