






Dear Parent or Guardian:


Your child's kindergarten class will take part in a vision and hearing screening program at their school. This will be done by Island Health Public Health staff as part of a province-wide screening program. We want to find and help children who have possible problems which can affect their learning.

Screening will be done on April 23rd @ 9 AM


Screeners will:

-  Check vision and depth perception.
-  Check hearing by having your child listen to sounds through headphones.
-  Give you written information on the screening results.
-  Return to the school within this school year to screen children who were absent **OR** will provide you with information on how your child may be screened.

 Vision screening does not replace regular eye exams with your eye doctor (optometrist/ ophthalmologist). If your child has been seen by an eye doctor in the last 6 months, please let us know because we may not need to screen your child.


 If we find any possible concerns with your child's vision or hearing, we will let you know. A letter will be sent home with information if there is a need for further testing or follow-up.

To support your child's learning, we will notify your child's principal of the screening results. The Child Health Screening Regulation also allows us to share screening results with other care providers within your child's circle of care for the purpose of follow-up and care of your child. Parents have the right to opt out of screening and/or the sharing of the results at any time during the screening process.

 If you do not want your child to be screened, please contact us at 250-519-5134. **If you do not contact us, we will screen your child.**

If you do not want your child's screening results shared, please contact us at 250-519-5134.

If you choose not to participate in the screening and/or in the sharing of results, this will not affect your child receiving other services or in the quality of care provided.

 Information about your child's screening will be recorded in your child's health record at the health unit. The information collected is to support your child's referral and follow-up and to evaluate the screening programs by Island Health and at a provincial level. We make sure that this information stays private. We collect, use and share this information only as allowed by law – the British Columbia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

If you have any questions about these programs, or about your child's vision or hearing please contact us.

Sincerely,

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