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Year 6 School Year 2026/27
Date of Health Questionnaire in: Castercliff Primary Academy
9/11/2026 – 11/11/2026 – The questionnaire will take part on one of these days.

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Lancashire Health Visiting & School Nursing is developing better ways to understand and support the direct care and health and wellbeing of children and young people within schools. To help us achieve this, we will be continuing to undertake the School Health Needs Assessment Programme. This allows us to assess the health and social care needs of children in Reception, **Year 6**, and Year 9.

A health needs assessment questionnaire has been designed in collaboration with the Public Health Team at Lancashire County Council for children who wish to participate in the school health needs assessment programme. The questionnaire is completed online (via the School Screener portal) in class, by your child, regarding their health and well-being. A sample questionnaire can be viewed on Lancashire Health Visiting & School Nursing's website via the following link:
https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/services/school-nursing/

Information from the questionnaires is used in two ways:

Firstly, individual responses are reviewed by the School Nursing Team to identify any health needs and determine whether any support or follow-up is required.

Secondly, anonymised information (where no child can be identified) will be analysed to help us understand common health and wellbeing needs across schools and communities. This helps us to plan and improve the services we provide for children and young people.

Your child's questionnaire information is treated in the same way as all other health records and is stored securely and confidentially within their health record. Information will not be shared with your child's school without your consent.

When reviewing the questionnaires of year 6 pupils, there are common themes we regularly follow children up on, such as friendships, emotional health, and worries about transition to high school. Once your child's questionnaire has been reviewed, if it is felt appropriate, we will offer them an opportunity to discuss their answers with a member of the School Nursing Team. Your child can decline on the day if they so wish, although most children like the opportunity to engage face to face with a member of our team. This also provides a time to offer general healthy lifestyle advice and information. Please be assured that we will contact you if there is anything that requires further discussion.

If you do not want your child to participate in the questionnaire and possible follow up discussion, please **opt-out via our SchoolScreener Parent** portal at least 3 days before the questionnaire is due to be completed. Details on how to register and access the School Screener Parent Portal can be found in the attached letter.

Judith Walker
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Lancashire Health Visiting & School Nursing

Useful Information for Families

Dental Registration

If your child is not currently registered with a dentist, please contact the **Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust Dental Helpline** on:

📞 **0300 123 4010**

GP Registration

If your child or family are not registered with a GP surgery, you can register with a local practice by visiting a surgery near your home or by searching online:

🌐 https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp

For general NHS health information, visit:

🌐 https://www.nhs.uk

NHS Better Health - Healthier Families

The NHS Healthier Families website provides advice and support on healthy eating, physical activity, sleep and wellbeing for children and families.

🌐 https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/

Vision Checks

Free NHS-funded sight tests are available for children. If you have any concerns about your child's vision, please arrange an appointment with your local optician.

Immunisations and Hearing Concerns

Please contact your GP surgery if:

- Your child has missed any immunisations, or you are unsure whether they are up to date.
- You have concerns about your child's hearing.

Further Information and Support

For additional information, advice and resources for children, young people and families, please visit:

🌐 https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk

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Dear Parent/Carer.

We are pleased to introduce the **School Screener Parent Portal**, a secure online system that will be used by the School Nursing Team to manage and share information relating to your child's School Health Needs Assessment (SHNA) and the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). This new platform will allow you to access personalised data for your child anytime, using a single username and password on your mobile, tablet or desktop device.

What is Parent Portal?
The School Screener Parent Portal is an online system that streamlines communication between our school health service and parents by bringing all health-related information into one secure location. This innovative platform eliminates the need for paper forms, making the process safer, faster and more convenient.

24/7 Access: view and download your child's health information at any time

Enhance Safety: reduces the risk of data loss while ensuring GDPR compliance

Streamlines Communications: provides information about NCMP results, health needs assessments and other important updates directly from our school nursing team

Time saving: Facilitates quick and easy electronic consent, reducing administrative workload for schools and parents alike

How to register/ OPT Out
To get started, simply click on the link below or scan the QR code and follow the steps to create your Parent Portal account:
https://lan046.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Lancs/g/2627RecY6

We are excited to offer this new service and are confident it will make accessing your childs health information more convenient and secure.

If you have any questions or encounter any issues during the registration process, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

School Nursing Team

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