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## Reference - National Child Measurement Programme 2020 - Impact of Covid 19

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you about changes to the arrangements for the National Child Measurement Programme (recording of children's heights and weights in Year R and Year 6) in Bracknell's primary schools for this academic year 2020-21. Due to the current Covid 19 pandemic, the government has advised providers of this programme to delay re-starting until January 2021; we now anticipate that we will measure Year 6 pupils in January to March 2021 and Year R pupils from March to July 2021. Vision and hearing tests will also be carried out for all Year R children at the same time.

Some of last years Reception class were measured but many were not as services reduced and/or stopped following government guidance. For children who were due to be measured in the last academic year 2019-20 we have been advised that there will be no catchup programme. Therefore, if any parent has concerns about their child's growth and development and would like some support, please contact the Bracknell School Nursing Team on 0300 365 6000 (option 3). Any child in last years Reception class that did not have a vision or hearing test carried out will now receive this between January and July 2021.

If you have any queries regarding the changes please contact Alison Stares on 07919 217475 or [alison.stares@berkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:alison.stares@berkshire.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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