

Dear Parent or Guardian:



This year, your child's **kindergarten** class will take part in the **Hearing Screening Program** at their school. This will be done by VCH public health staff as part of a province-wide screening program. We want to find and help children who may have possible problems which can affect their learning.



**Screening will be done at James McKinney Elementary School
on January 30th, at 9 am**

Screeners will use headphones to see how your child hears sounds of different pitches in each ear. Eardrum movement may be checked if necessary.



If you do not wish your child to be screened, please contact us at 604-233-3188 prior to the screening date above. If you do not contact us, we will screen your child at our visit.



Information about your child's screening will be recorded in your child's health record at Richmond Public Health Audiology Program. The information collected may be used to support your child's referral and subsequent follow-up, as well as contributing to the assessment of screening programs conducted by VCH on a provincial scale. We ensure 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.

Once we have assessed your child, you will receive a letter containing the results of the hearing screening, as well as any recommendations for additional testing or necessary follow-up procedures.

If you have any questions about our Hearing Screening program, please contact us directly. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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