

SCHOOL VISION AND HEARING TESTING

Waitemata District Health Board provides free vision and hearing screening for children. This screening is carried out by Vision and Hearing Technicians who visit schools and provide Vision and Hearing clinics in various community locations.

VISION TEST:

Distant vision. A letter matching (or letter identifying) test determines whether the child can see what is expected at 4 metres distance.

HEARING TEST:

Audiometry. An audiometer is used to measure hearing. The child wears headphones and drops a peg/bead into a basket every time a sound is heard.

Tympanometry. If the child does not seem to hear all the sounds with the audiometer test, tympanometry is used to show whether there may be “glue ear” or some other blockage in the hearing system. A soft rubber cap seals the opening of the ear and a measurement is made as to how well the ear drum reacts to sound and changes in air pressure.

Parents/caregivers will be informed of all results (including any problems identified). If your child does not pass a vision or hearing screening test, you will receive a letter suggesting what to do, including recommended follow up.

Name of child: NHI number:

Date of birth: Ethnicity:

School: **Henderson Intermediate School** Room:

Child’s address.....

Phone: Mobile:

Family doctor (GP):

I consent to vision and hearing testing for my child at school:

VISION TESTINGYes.....No..... Comment.....

HEARING TESTINGYes.....No.....Comment.....

Name of parent/guardian.....

Signature if parent / guardian..... Date:.....

The results of the screening will be stored in the Ministry of Education ENROL data base. Any information stored on this data base can only be accessed by properly authorised school personal or Vision Hearing Technicians. If your child passed the vision and hearing test at age 4 (part of the B4 School Check) a second test is not required to be completed at school.