

Dear Parent/Carer,

Height and weight monitoring for children in Reception and Year 6 during academic year 2021-22

Connect for Health, your school nursing service, is provided by Compass and commissioned by Public Health Warwickshire to provide a high quality, accessible and confidential service that improves the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Warwickshire.

Every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), a mandated government activity. Your child's class will take part in this year's measurement programme within this school year.

The NCMP provides information to help build an understanding of national and local trends in child weight. It is important to have a good understanding of how children are growing, so that the best possible advice and support can be provided for them and their families.

The measurements will be taken at school in a private space away from other pupils by trained staff of Connect for Health. Children who take part will be measured fully clothed except for their coats and shoes. The programme will be delivered in a COVID-safe way, in line with the school and local authority's safety control measures. This includes robust hand and respiratory hygiene and enhanced cleaning arrangements for the rooms and equipment used to measure your child's height and weight, as recommended in the national guidance for schools and healthcare. Routine data such as your child's name, date of birth, sex, address, postcode, and ethnicity will also be collected to comply with legal obligation to complete the NCMP programme.

The data from all schools in the area will be gathered together and held securely by our local authority public health team. Please note that we may store your child's information on their health record and share it with their GP. No individual measurements will be given to school staff or other children, and all information will be treated confidentially. Please visit our Compass website to view our Privacy Notice. The website can be found at www.compass-uk.org/about-us/policy-statements.

The programme's data is used within the local authority and NHS to help plan the provision of services and advice to support healthy weight and lifestyles in the area. The information is also submitted for national analysis and publication in a way that means individual children cannot be identified.

You will be able to access your child's measurements by registering your email address in our secure parent/carer health needs assessment and NCMP portal:

Valiant Office Suites
Lumonics House
Valley Drive
Rugby, CV21 1TQ

T: 03300 245 204

E: connectforhealth@compass-uk.org

www.compass-uk.org

Please go to the webpage, find your child's school and "register" your account. If you have already set up an account when completing the school entry health needs assessment, you do not need to complete a further registration.

<https://www.compass-uk.org/primary-parent-sign-up>

An email notification will be sent following the measurements for you to log in and review the results.

If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the NCMP results letter, please contact the service to request a posted copy.

If your child's results indicate that they are underweight, a School Nurse will contact you to discuss this further.

If your child's results indicate that they are overweight, we will include information on healthy eating and being active. Our Family Lifestyle Intervention Workers can support children, young people, and families to promote positive lifestyles. Please contact us if you wish to discuss this further.

Opting your child out of the NCMP programme

If you are happy for your child to be measured, you do not need to do anything. Children will not be made to take part if they do not want to. If you wish to withdraw your child from completing the programme, please contact Connect for Health on 03300 245 204 or email connectforhealth@compass-uk.org within 14 days of receiving this letter. If at any stage in the process you have concerns or want further information, please contact us directly.

The opportunity to discuss any health issues relating to your child is always available. Please do not hesitate to contact the service on the details provided. Parent/carers are also able to contact the service for advice and support through a confidential text messaging service available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm on **07520 619376**.

You can also find advice and resources on our service webpage - compass-uk.org/c4h - and via our Facebook page, which is regularly updated with relevant information - facebook.com/c4hwarwickshire (search c4h Warwickshire to find us).

Yours faithfully

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