

0-19 Healthy Child Service
Suffolk County Council
Allington Clinic
427 Woodbridge Road
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Tel: 0345 607 8866

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6.

Across England, children in Reception and Year 6 will have their height and weight measured by the School Nursing Team as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Your child's class will be taking part in this year's programme. These measurements are taken because we want to understand how children are growing across the county and to help children be as healthy as they can possibly be.

Children are weighed and measured at school in a private area away from other pupils and are supervised by trained health staff who will be observing COVID-19 procedures for disinfecting any equipment used.

As well as the weight and height of your child we will also record their name, sex, address, postcode, ethnicity and date of birth. We will enter the results on your child's confidential Child Health Record and send you the results for your child within 6 weeks of measurement.

In Suffolk 96% of parents agree for their child to join the programme and we hope you will agree as well. If you are happy for your child to be weighed and measured, you do not need to do anything further. If you do not wish for your child to take part in this year's National Child Measurement Programme, please contact 0345 607 8866 within 14 days of receipt of this letter. Children will not be made to participate if you do not want them to.

The overall programme results will be submitted for national analysis and publication. All information and results will be treated confidentially, and no child's height or weight measurements will be given to school staff or to other children.

We hope that you will agree on the importance of understanding a child's weight and how it can affect their health. We understand that managing healthy weight is a complex issue which is why as part of this year's programme we are working in close partnership with health professionals from One Life Suffolk, who are commissioned by Suffolk County Council to support families across the county. As part of this process, information from the National Child Measurement Programme may be shared with One Life Suffolk and may also include follow up contact with parents. One Life Suffolk will use your school contact details to offer additional support if needed. If you do not wish for your child's measurements to be shared with One Life Suffolk, please contact 0345 607 8866 within 14 days of receipt of this letter.

For further information on the National Child Measurement Programme please visit www.youtube.co.uk and search 'NCMP Suffolk' or for tips on healthy eating and being active please visit <https://onelifesuffolk.co.uk/services/families-young-people/>

Yours faithfully,



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