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WHAT?

Hearing screening conducted in schools is a process by which one is able to identify those children whose hearing falls within an acceptable range for learning in the classroom and which children need further assessment.

Our screenings include:

- Examining the outer ear, ear canal and ear drum.
- Testing the condition of the middle ear and the mobility of the ear drum using air pressure in the ear canal. This determines if there may be an infection or perforation of the ear drum. (Many hearing screenings do not include this test, however we find value in this addition to our test battery).
- Testing the ears reflex response to sound.
- Testing the ability to hear different frequency sounds at different levels.



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WHY?

Hearing Screenings are recommended by the National Department of Health to be included in school health programs. This is required, simply due to the child's age of development (Speech, language, social, emotional and intellectual development) and the influence a hearing loss or recurring middle ear infections may have on this development

WHO?

The South African Speech-, Language and Hearing Association (SASHLA) recommends that children age 3 to Grade 3 should have annual check-ups and Grade 4 and above, every 3 years. The growing trend in schools is for all Grade R and Grade 1 children to be assessed.

COST?

R145 - 00 per child payable by the parent to the practice. This includes, consent forms, all testing and equipment, as well as a report (1 copy for the school and 1 copy for the parent) provided within 2 weeks of the screenings.

*Please note that if we pick up a possible ear infection or perforation in the ear drum, we will advise you via sms on the day of assessment.