

Entering Primary School – Growing Up Healthily in School

Find out about the health
care services offered for
students from primary
school onwards



Soon, your child will be attending primary school. Besides enrolling him into school, it is also important for you to know the primary health care services that are available for your child. The health needs of your child is as important as his academic needs in school.

School Health Service

The Health Promotion Board provides primary health care to all school-going children. The following services are offered:

- Height and weight measurements
- Vision screening
- Medical screening
- Immunisation
- Health education on healthy lifestyle practices

Healthcare professionals from the School Health Service (SHS) conduct annual free-of-charge medical check-ups and immunisations for the children at the school premises.

Your child will be given a referral letter to visit the Student Health Centre for further assessment and case management, should he be assessed to have any health-related issues.

Student Health Centre

The Student Health Centre (SHC) offers preventive and screening services for school children referred by the SHS healthcare professionals.

Your child can be screened at SHC for health issues such as:

- growth and development issues (such as short and tall statures, underweight, overweight and pubertal problems)
- defective vision
- hearing loss
- scoliosis (curved spine)
- heart conditions (such as heart murmurs)

If your child requires further specialist assessment, he will be referred to the in-house specialist clinic or appropriate specialist clinics in the restructured hospitals.



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School Dental Service

The School Dental Service (SDS) provides school-based oral health care services. Our dental therapists provide dental screening and treatment to pupils in primary and secondary schools, as well as dental health education and health promotion for your child. Students who require more complex dental treatment will be referred to a Zonal Centre or to the School Dental Centre located at Health Promotion Board.