



The B4 School Check is a **free health and development check when a child turns 4**. It helps to make sure your child is healthy and is ready for school. The B4 School Check involves a **visit with a nurse**, along with vision and hearing assessment by a vision and hearing technician. You will be asked to fill in questionnaires about your child's development and wellbeing. If your child attends a preschool, kindergarten or kōhanga reo, they will also be asked about your child's learning and development. If you do not consent to your child receiving the Check, we will keep your child's name, National Health Index number (NHI), date of birth and ethnicity on the B4School Check database to monitor coverage and quality of the B4 School Check. We will record your non-consent, to make sure we do not contact you again. If you do not consent but still have concerns about your child, please see your GP.

B4 School Check consent

Child's details

Name of child

Date of birth / /

Name on birth certificate (if different from above)

Usual home address of child

Contact phone number Mobile

Has your child had a B4 School Check? Yes No **If yes, do not fill out the rest of the form.**

When you consent to your child having a B4 School Check:

- The B4 School Check usually takes about 45 minutes.
- You'll be involved by helping us complete the child health check and filling out two questionnaires about your child's development and behaviour. Your child will also have their vision and hearing assessed by a vision and hearing technician. If your child attends an early learning service, they will also be asked to fill out the behavioural questionnaire.
- The results of your child's B4 School Check will be given to your family doctor. Only the vision and hearing assessment results will be given to your child's early learning service, kōhanga reo, and/or school. No other information will be shared with your child's school without your permission.
- If your child needs anything more, the nurse will offer to refer you and your child to another service. If that happens you'll be asked for your permission to pass on your child's information.
- Your child's name, date of birth, ethnicity and National Health Index (NHI) number will be recorded in the B4 School Check information system along with the results of the Check.
- Information collected in the B4School Check will be stored on the B4School Check database for at least ten years from the date of the check. This is a legal requirement for the health records.
- You have the right to ask to see information collected about your child as part of the B4 School Check and to ask for any information you think is incorrect to be corrected.
- Any information stored in the B4School Database, that can identify your child, can only be accessed by properly authorised people who are working with your child; or are co-ordinating the B4 School Check, are managing the database, or who are monitoring the performance of the B4 School programme, including the District Health Board (DHB) and the Ministry of Health.
- Information from the B4School Check database may be made available for use by authorised researchers. Most commonly the information shared with researchers will be non-identifiable. In a very limited number of cases researchers may gain approval to access identifiers, for example NHI number, where there is a clear reason for needing these. Your child will never be identified in any research findings or report.
- The research approval process also ensures that the data will be transferred, stored, accessed, and used by researchers in a secure way, and the data will be destroyed at the completion of their project.
- If the nurse is concerned about a risk to the safety or wellbeing of any child receiving a B4School Check, information can be shared with Oranga Tamariki. In most cases the nurse will discuss the decision with the parent/s or caregiver/s before sharing information with Oranga Tamariki.

I understand what the B4 School Check involves. I have read and understand how information collected about my child will be stored and used and I give my consent to the B4 School Check. Signature of parent or legal guardian: Date / /

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