

Scoliosis Screening

Friday 27 February 2015 - in Presentation School

Cost: €3.00 to be handed in with form on the day

Scoliosis, also known as curvature of the spine can be a serious deforming condition. It may start to develop at any time while the spine is growing but most commonly affects girls during the adolescent growth spurt, (up to age approximately 16). It is frequently not detected until quite advanced when surgery may be required. If it is diagnosed early, severe deformity can be prevented. By examining annually all school girls in the 11-16 age group, it is possible to identify those with mild curvature.

These can be observed more closely and treatment given if the condition worsens.

The Screening examination will be done by a specifically trained specialist. (Please contact the school directly for the details in your child's case, if you are in doubt). The test consists of an inspection of the child's back while standing and bending forwards. **Only children who have consent forms completed will be screened.**

As many as 5 children in one hundred may be called for a second examination. Some of these will be kept under observation but we expect 1 or 2 in 100 will require follow on treatment.

CONSENT FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Student's Name-----

Student's Address-----

Date of Birth----- Class-----

I have read the accompanying explanation of the Scoliosis Consent Form.

I hereby consent to have my child examined for spinal deformity.

Parent's Signature-----

Parent's name and contact no.: -----

Has your child been examined for scoliosis before? Please tick.

No: ----- Yes:----- School-----Date-----

Family Doctor Name-----

Address: -----
