

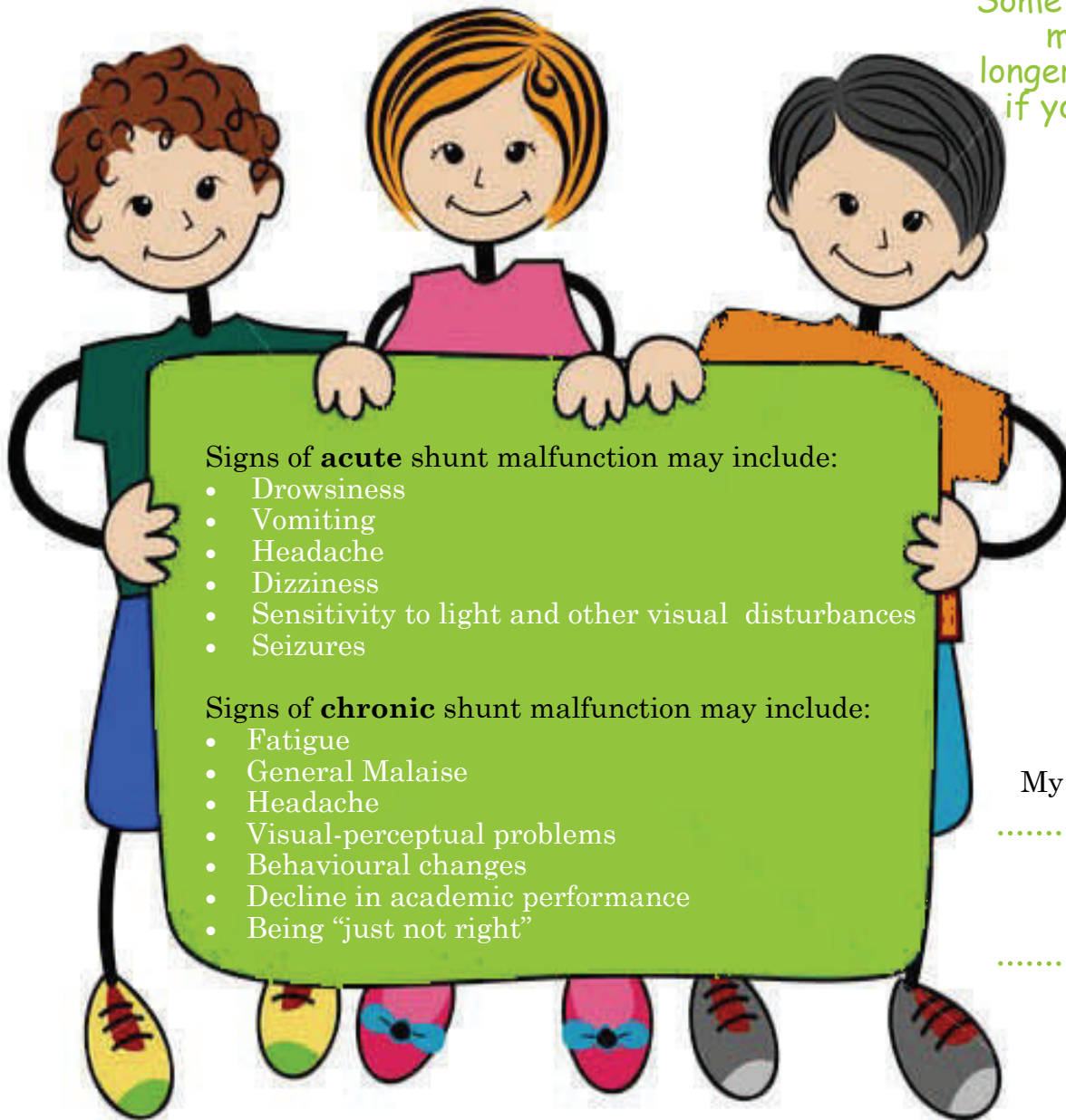


Shunt Malfunctions for Schools

If things go wrong should be seen by a specialist neurosurgical unit within 4 hours of acute symptoms developing.

Symptoms can vary considerably between individuals. Previous personal experience of a shunt problem is usually a reliable guide as to what to look for. Speak to parents for their experiences.

Sometimes a shunt can malfunction over a longer period of time - if you notice changes



Signs of **acute** shunt malfunction may include:

- Drowsiness
- Vomiting
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Sensitivity to light and other visual disturbances
- Seizures

Signs of **chronic** shunt malfunction may include:

- Fatigue
- General Malaise
- Headache
- Visual-perceptual problems
- Behavioural changes
- Decline in academic performance
- Being “just not right”

My Neurosurgical Unit is:

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Telephone:

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