

Children's Universal Services
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Dear Parent /Carer,

Child Health Screening Programme - Vision Testing for Reception Class

We are planning to visit your child's class to carry out vision testing; this is part of the health-screening programme that we offer to all children during their first year at school.

The purpose of testing children's vision is to identify those children with reduced sight in one or both eyes and to refer them for treatment; the correction of reduced vision helps children to achieve their best at school and to do well in life. Reduced eyesight often goes unnoticed by the child, their parent/carer and teachers.

The vision test we use has been developed for use with children and it is suitable for children with disabilities and those who do not speak English or are not familiar with the Roman alphabet.

If your child wears glasses, **we will not test their vision**, please ensure they have regular reviews with the Optician.

Trained members of the School Health Team carry out the vision test, and results of the test will be sent to you and if necessary your child will be referred for further testing, we encourage you to share the results with the school.

If you are happy for your child to be seen and their vision checked, you do not need to do anything else.

If, however you do not want your child to be seen, please write to the service via the school office or email CH-TR.northschoolnurses@nhs.net within the next 5 days. Thank you

If you have any concerns about your child's health that you would like to discuss, or would like further information about how your child's data will be used, please phone the School Health Team at the number above.

Further information on Vision screening for 4 to 5 year olds can be found at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/65343/4/vision_screening_parent_leaflet.pdf

Yours faithfully,

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