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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Vision Screening (Reception)** 

Dear Parents/Carers

Later this term, our Reception pupils will be taking part in a vision screening.

Please see the form attached for further information.

As per the attached, please only return the form if you do not want your child to have a vision screening check.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Walsh

Headteacher

























# Vision Screening for 4 to 5 year olds Information for parents



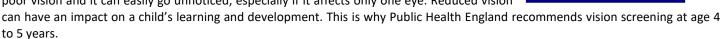
**NHS Trust** 

#### **Vision Screening**

The NHS recommends vision screening at aged 4 to 5 years. It is important to identify children with reduced vision in one or both eyes, so that treatment can be given as early as possible. Vision screening is offered to all children in Sandwell and the Heart of Birmingham area. Orthoptists from Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust will be available to test your child's vision at school during their first reception year.

#### Why is vision screening recommended?

Vision develops rapidly from birth to around 8 years of age. Children rarely complain of having poor vision and it can easily go unnoticed, especially if it affects only one eye. Reduced vision





#### **The Test**

The screening test involves an assessment of your child's vision. A patch will be put over each eye in turn. Your child will then be asked to match letters in order to establish how well they can see. Your child does NOT have to know their letters to be able to complete the test. The screening test will take less than 5 minutes.

#### **Possible Results**

If screening suggests reduced vision you will be notified in writing via the school. A referral will be made to a local hospital eye service for further testing before a decision is made on whether treatment is required. If your child passes their vision screening test you will informed of this outcome. Vision screening should find most vision problems but like all types of screening it is not perfect and it may not find every child with reduced vision.

Your child's vision will change over time. Further information can be found in your child's 'red book'. If you are worried at any time that your child is not seeing properly you should seek advice from your GP or local optician.

#### Consent

If you **do not** wish your child to undergo vision screening, please complete the form below to **opt out** and return it to us by post using the address below. We must receive the form by:

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Otherwise we will assume you are happy for your child to be screened and they will be assessed during the reception year. If you want your child to undergo the vision screening test and do not opt out, you are giving consent for your child's name, date of birth, home address, and parent's/guardian's phone number to be accessed via their school to allow us to make a referral to the hospital eye service if necessary.

### Only return this form if you DO NOT want you child to have a vision screening check

Child's name:  Child's Date of Birth:  Child's Address:	to be assessed because th are currently under the ca of a hospital based eye	·
Child's School:  Home Phone Number:  Child's Doctor (GP):	department, please tick this box.	<u></u>
Signed Print Date	Relationship to child  Please post the completed form Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February January 2024 to the following address Thuy Pham, Lead for Vision Screening Services, Orthoptic Department, Birmingham and Midland Eye Centre, Dudley Road, Birmingham, B18 7QU Or email: swbh.visionscreening@nhs.net to opt out by Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024	5: