

Orthoptic Screening (Eye Test)

Dear Parents/Guardians

The NHS recommends vision/orthoptic screening at age 4 to 5 years. We want to identify children with reduced vision, lazy eye, squint etc. The aim is to detect any problems early so your child can receive effective treatment.

We will assess your child's vision using a letter matching test, we will also perform some orthoptic tests to identify any squint and how well your child can use their eyes as a pair. The tests are fun and your child does NOT need to know their letters.

If screening suggests a problem, we will send you a letter confirming this and we will refer your child for further tests. These could take place at:

- a hospital eye service
- your local opticians (by an optometrist)

We will then recommend the best treatment for your child.

If screening does not suggest any problem, we will send you a letter confirming this. Orthoptic screening should find most problems.

Screening is optional, you can choose whether you want your child to have orthoptic screening. This screening test is the only chance for all children to get their vision tested. This enables problems to be found and treated quickly at the start of their school life.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to have orthoptic screening, please complete the slip below. Otherwise we will assume you are happy for your child to be screened.

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Vision screening at age 4 to 5 years

Complete and return only if you DO NOT want your child to have vision screening.

Name of child: _____ Date of birth: _____

Name of your child's school: _____

Name of hospital where your child is receiving treatment (if applicable):

I **DO NOT** want my child to have vision screening (tick box if appropriate)

Signed (parent/carer): _____

Name in full (print clearly in capital letters): _____

Please detach and return this reply slip to your child's school.