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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Vision Screening Information

Vision screening is carried out for 4 to 5 year-old children in reception class. Unfortunately this was not completed this academic year as schools were closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

### Next steps

**Please arrange with your local optometrist (optician) for your child to have a sight test. You will not have to pay for this.**

We recommend the sight test to ensure any problems are found early so that treatment can start as soon as possible. Young children rarely complain about having reduced vision. If only one eye is affected it is even less likely to be noticed by the child, parents or anyone else. A sight test will identify any problems. The optometrist will be able to explain the results and any next steps with you during the sight test.

### More information

For further information, see [www.nhs.uk/childrens-eyes](http://www.nhs.uk/childrens-eyes)

Kind regards

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