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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: Vision screening checks for children in Reception

The Vision Screening Programme

NHS guidelines recommend that all children are screened for vision in their first year at school. The aim is to detect any problems early so your child can receive effective treatment. Therefore, with the support of your child's school, we would like to offer your child a basic vision screen alongside the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

During the vision screening, your child will have the vision of each eye checked. It is not necessary for your child to know their letters to be tested. If screening suggests reduced vision, you will be notified and, depending on the result, we will either recommend that you take your child to an optician, or we will automatically refer them to an Orthoptist at the hospital for further testing.

If your child needs a referral to an Orthoptist team at the hospital, we may need to request your contact details from your child's school to be able to make this referral.

Information about how Sirona care & health collect and use information can be found at <https://communityequipment.sirona-cic.org.uk/privacy-policy/>

It is recommended that all children visit their community Optician annually to ensure good eye health.

Withdrawing your child from the Vision Screening Programme

If you are happy for your child to be screened, you **do not** need to do anything.

If you do not want your child's vision to be screened, please complete the opt out form at the end of this letter and send to sirona.ns.schoolhealthreview@nhs.net by **Monday 27th November 2023**.

Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

If your child moves to a different school during their school year, please ensure that you inform the new school if you do not want your child to take part.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

School Health Nursing Team

If you would like to find out how else your school nursing service can support, you and your family please access our website at www.sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services or scan the QR code below.



Opt-out Form Vision Screening

Only complete this form if you DO NOT wish your child to take part in the vision screening programme.

Child's
Name

Date of
Birth:

Address:

School:

Postcode

I do not wish my child to take part in the Vision Screening programme

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This form must be signed by a person with parental responsibility

Signature:

Date:

Print name:

Relationship
to child:

If you are unable to complete or print a copy of this form, please contact the school office where you will be able to obtain a paper copy.

If your child moves to a different school during the academic year, please ensure that you inform your child's school if you do not want your child to take part.

When you have completed this form, please email it to: sirona.ns.schoolhealthreview@nhs.net