

How to contact us

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9.30am to 5.00pm

Hearing about your experience of our services is very important as it means we can pass compliments on to our staff and make improvements where necessary. Tell us what you think by emailing us at: your.experience@nhs.net

If you require this document in another language, large print, braille, audio or easyread format, please ask our healthcare providers*

*Note to healthcare providers:

Translated / easyread healthcare information can be sourced via contacting our translation service which can be accessed through The Hub.

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Answering your questions



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Consent form

We will not test your child unless you agree for us to do so.

Please complete using a black pen.

Name of child

Date of birth

Address

Postcode

Telephone

GP

Would you like your child to have an eye test? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any worries about your child’s eyes? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes please state

Is your child already under the care of an Optician or Ophthalmologist?

☐ No ☐ Yes (Ophthalmologist at the Hospital)

☐ Yes (Optician)

Other details which you feel would help us in our tests
(for example other family members with glasses?)

☐ Please tick if you agree to us sharing information about your child’s eyesight test with your child’s teacher.

Parent/Guardian’s signature

Thank You for filling in this form. Please detach and return it to your child’s teacher. We will let you know the result of the test.

Date received by vision screener



Eye tests at your child’s school

Your questions answered

During the school term a Vision Screening Technician trained by an Orthoptist will be visiting your school to do an eye test as part of the National Vision screening programme for all 4 to 5 year old children.

We have tried to answer some of the questions you may have about this service and hope you will agree to your child having an eye test.

Please note this is the **only** eye test that your child will have in school.

What is a Vision screening Technician?

A Vision Screening Technician is specially trained by an Orthoptist to test young children’s eyesight.

What are you looking for?

We are testing to make sure children have a good level of vision in each of their eyes. If we find a problem we can refer a child for a more detailed eye test in the hospital.

I haven’t seen anything wrong with my child’s eyes, why do they need this test?

There are vision problems which cannot be found without a detailed test and if found need to be treated at an early age. However, most children pass the test and in that case you will be reassured that your child’s eyesight is alright.

How can you test children when they don’t know their letters?

The tests we use are simple matching and pointing games, specially designed for young children.

Eye tests at your child’s school

My child already attends the Hospital or an Optician for their eye tests, do they need another test in school?

All children will be given the opportunity to have an eye test at school, however the school eye test is specifically aimed at picking up undetected vision problems.

If your child already attends the hospital the school eye test will not contribute to their current treatment and we would recommend you continue to follow the advice given by the hospital.

If your child attends an Optician only we would recommend you still give consent for a vision test even if they wear glasses, as the Vision Screening Technician is specially trained to test children in this age range.

Please complete the attached form regardless, ticking whether you do or do not wish for your child to be tested.

Can I be present when my child is tested?

Yes, please let your child’s teacher know if you wish to be present for the eye test and they will arrange this with you.

How will I know the result of my child’s eye test?

Your child’s teacher will be given a letter to return to you with the outcome of the vision test. If you have any questions about this please contact us on 01709 424221.