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Please listen carefully to the options for the Orthoptic Department

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Information for Reception year Children

Dear Parent/Carer/Guardian,

Vision Screening Information

I am writing to inform you that unfortunately the School Vision Screening Service for children in the reception year of primary school remains suspended. This will continue for the foreseeable future whilst we prioritise managing the backlog in our in/outpatient services.

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. The high street Optometrist can refer your child to the Hospital via the GP if this required.

If you have concerns and would like advice from an Orthoptist please contact the Eye Hospital on: 01865 234567 (option 5).

More information

For further information, see www.nhs.uk/childrens-eyes

Yours Sincerely

Jacqueline Greenhalgh

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