

Vision Screening: Information for Teaching Staff

Please use the attached information to prepare the children for the upcoming vision screening test.

Purpose of school vision screening

The aim of the vision screening assessment is to detect significantly reduced vision which could affect learning. Vision screeners carry out the tests within school. This ensures maximum coverage of 4 to 5-year-old children.

Parents are informed that the test will be taking place and given the option to opt-out if they wish. They will also receive a letter with the outcome of the screening.

Carrying out the test

We will test the children in small groups, preferably in a small quiet room in school. If there are any children you have specific concerns about in terms of their vision or ability to co-operate with the test then please let us know in advance.

We will ask the children to either name or match letters whilst wearing orange and green glasses to test each eye separately. We may also cover each eye whilst they look at a picture to see if they have a squint.

The letters that we use for the test are V, U, Y, O, X and H. It would help if the children are familiar with these letters.

Diagnostic tests

If a child does not pass the vision screening test, they will be referred for further diagnostic tests. These could be with a local optometrist or in the hospital eye service. If a child is absent on day of screening or unable to perform some of the tests they will be offered a test on another day. If they are still unable to perform the test or they will be referred for diagnostic testing. Parents of children who are absent on two occasions will be advised by letter to make an appointment for an eye test with a local optometrist.

School eye test

Information for children



You are going to have an eye test to make sure that both of your eyes can see well. You will be asked to say the names of these letters. Don't worry if you can't remember them as you can point to them on a card.



When you do the letters game you will get to wear these orange and green glasses.

The eye test games are quick and fun to do!