**HOSPITAL or PROVIDER NAME/LOGO**

Hospital/provider address

Department of Orthoptics – Vision Screening Service

Contact details: phone number

11 July 2023 [date in this format]

Dear Parent/Carer of child’s name

**Information following vision screening**

You may remember that we contacted you recently about vision screening for 4 to 5 year-old children. Your child recently had the screening test and we are informing you of the result.

**Test completed on:** date [in above format]

**Test completed at:** name of school

**Vision screening outcome:** The screening test suggests your child has reduced vision in one of/both of their eyes. Please do not worry, most problems can be treated successfully at this age. A link to more information is at the end of this letter.

**Your child’s result**

Further tests are required to confirm your child’s results. Reduced vision may be caused by your child needing glasses or a turn in the eye (squint). Glasses and/or eye patches may be recommended as treatment for these problems.

Young children rarely complain about having reduced vision. This means it is very likely that the problem was not noticed by you, your child or anyone else.

It is possible that your child will not require any treatment. But it is important to attend the appointment for further tests to confirm if treatment is needed or not.

**Next steps** [please amend to reflect local arrangements]

We will send an appointment for your child to receive further tests. Rather than waiting for this, you may wish to phone to arrange the appointment yourself. To do this, please call the vision screening service on phone number. The appointment will be at name of hospital or community eye clinic or optometrist. When your child attends, they will be seen by an eye specialist. **It is important to take your child for this appointment.**

**Treatment**

The further tests will confirm if your child needs glasses. Not all children need glasses, and we may advise other treatments such as wearing an eye patch or using eye drops. We will explain the test results to you and what treatment we recommend.

It is important to continue any treatment for as long as advised by the specialist. Treatment may last months or years, and we will discuss this with you.

**More information**

You will be able to discuss any concerns with the eye specialist when you attend for your child’s appointment. If you have any questions before the appointment, or you do not receive an appointment within 2 weeks, please call the vison screening service on phone number. We will not be able to provide more specific information about your child’s vision problem until they have had the further tests.

For more information visit [www.nhs.uk/childrens-eyes](http://www.nhs.uk/childrens-eyes)