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Dear Parent/Carer,

Vision Screening for children in Reception

The NHS recommends vision screening at age 4 to 5 years. We want to identify children with reduced vision in one or both eyes. The aim is to detect any problems early so your child can receive effective treatment, such as glasses or patching, quickly.

Your child's class will take part in this year's vision screening programme.

The screening will be carried out by trained healthcare staff in a private area in school in small groups. The screening will seem more like a game to the children, and nothing will touch their eyes. Children who have already been prescribed glasses or contact lenses should wear them for the test.

The results will be sent out to you in a letter following the vision screening. If your child's results are unsatisfactory, we will let you know and advise you to see an Optician for further testing. No screening results will be given to school staff or other children, and all information will be treated confidentially.

Opting your child out of the programme

If you are happy for your child to have their vision screened, you do not need to do anything. If you do not want your child to take part, or if you have any questions, please let us know using the contact details at the top of this letter. Children will not be made to take part if they do not want to. Additional information is available on:

Hounslow School Nursing service (including privacy statement)	School nursing Hounslow :: West London NHS Trust
Vision screening and eye tests for children	https://phescreeing.blog.gov.uk/tag/visionscreening/ https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/eye-tests-inchildren/

Please note: your child's vision will change over time. Further information is provided in your child's 'red book'. If you are worried at any time that your child is not seeing properly, you should arrange to see an Optician or GP.

Yours sincerely,
Hounslow School Nurses



Are you a **parent** or **carer** of a **child aged 5-19 years**?

We offer advice and support about your child's health, wellbeing and development. Send a message to:

07312 263 080

Receive an answer within one working day from a qualified school nurse. **Monday to Friday, 9am-4.30pm (apart from bank holidays).**