

Dear Parent/Guardian

September 2023

**RE: Child Vision Screening**

Children in Reception Year (aged 4-5 years), in most Bromley schools, should have had their vision checked last year, through the Child Vision Screening Programme (2022-2023).

If your child (**now in Year 1**) was absent from school on the day of screening, we would encourage you to schedule an appointment for them, with a local optician. You will not need to pay for this appointment. For further information, please visit [www.nhs.uk/childrens-eyes](http://www.nhs.uk/childrens-eyes)

Children often cope very well with some eye problems, which need to be identified and treated early, to avoid lifelong visual loss. For this reason, it is important that all children, even those with apparently normal vision, are tested. The screening assessment ensures that your child has good vision in both eyes and that their vision is developing normally. It is performed at this age, so that any reduced vision, or difference in vision, from one eye to the other, can be picked up before the visual system is fully developed and any treatment necessary can be started.

If your child falls into any of the groups below, you **do not need to do anything**

- Has already had a vision test at school  
*Or*
- Is currently under the care of an Ophthalmologist / Orthoptist / Optometrist at your local Hospital Eye Clinic  
*Or*
- Is currently under the care of a local Optometrist (Optician) or had a recent sight test

Yours faithfully

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