



Dear Parent/Guardian

**Vision Screening/Eye Tests ARE NOT provided within schools in Staffordshire.**

**We strongly recommend that all children have regular eye tests at an Optician once a year.**

**NHS Eye tests for all children are free at any Opticians.**

It is important that even children with apparently normal vision should be tested. As children can often compensate very well for some eye problems which need to be identified and treated early to avoid lifelong visual loss.

The Eye test checks that your child's vision is developing normally. It is performed at this age so that any reduced vision or difference in vision between each eye can be picked up before the visual system is fully developed and any treatment can be started.

You do not need to do anything, if your child:

Is **currently** under the care of an Eye Specialist (Ophthalmologist / Orthoptist / Optometrist) at a Hospital Eye Clinic.

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Is **currently** under the care of a local Optometrist (Optician) or had a recent sight test.

**If none of the above applies, please arrange with your local Opticians for your child to have a free NHS Eye Test.**

Yours sincerely,

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