



Dear Parents

The EyeLook team will be visiting the school in the next few weeks to test your child's vision.

**Why are eye tests important?**

We want to let you know if your child sees well. Unfortunately, not all eye problems are obvious and only an eye test can spot them.

Age 4 or 5 is the perfect age to do this eye test as the children are old enough to get an accurate result and young enough to treat any problems effectively.

**Who are the EyeLook team?**

Orthoptic assistant: Specially trained to do vision tests on 4-5 year old children.

Orthoptists: Are experts who work in the clinic, they are experts at testing vision in children and treating eye problems like squint, lazy eye and the need for glasses.

Paediatric ophthalmologist: the children's eye doctor who works in the eye clinic and will check the health of the eye.

**What happens during the school eye test?**

The orthoptic assistant will check your child is seeing well using letters and a matching game. The test is fun to do and only takes a few minutes.

**What do parents need to do before the test?**

Keep these details safe so you know how to contact us. Please complete the questionnaire so we have the correct details for your child and return it to school.

**What happens afterwards?**

After the eye test, we will send a letter home with your child stating what we found and whether your child needs to be seen in our eye clinic. Clinic appointment letters will then be sent in the post.

**What if my child is not at school that day?**

If your child is absent on the day of testing we advise that you take them to your local high street optometrist for a routine sight test.

**How often do children need their eyes tested?**

It is advised that children have their eyes tested once between 4-5 years of age. Once we know your child can see well there is no need for regular eye checks. If you notice any change, if a child complains of a change to their vision, or other new problems we advise you take them to your local optician.



**Parent Questionnaire**

It would really help us if you answer the following questions and give the completed form to the school.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

NHS number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

1. At this time, is your child under the care of an eye clinic?

NO

YES: Hospital eye clinic

High street optician

2. If you have any concerns about your child's vision please give details:

**It is important to have children's vision tested, even if everything appears OK.**

If you **DO NOT** want your child to be tested tick this box  Signed ..... Dated...../...../.....

If we do not receive this form, or the form is incomplete, we will assume you DO wish to have your child's vision assessed and are happy for the school to provide details of your child's address, telephone number and GP details.