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Dear Parent/Carer

Vision Screening Information

You may remember that your child was due to have their vision screening test during the last academic year (2019 -2020), whilst they were in the reception class. Unfortunately the vision screening **was not able to be completed** as your child's school was closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. We were hoping to complete the screening for your child's year group when the schools returned in the autumn, however due to the second, recent lockdown we were not able to achieve this. Therefore your child has not had their vision checked.

Next steps

Please arrange with your local optometrist (optician) for your child to have a sight test. You will not have to pay for this and they are currently open by appointment. We recommend that children have a sight test to ensure any problems are found early so that treatment can start as soon as possible. Young children rarely complain about having reduced vision. If only one eye is affected it is even less likely to be noticed by the child, parents or anyone else. A sight test will identify any problems. The optometrist will be able to explain the results and any next steps with you during the sight test.

More information

For further information, see www.nhs.uk/childrens-eyes

