

School Nursing Service
School Entry Health Screening 2021 - Vision Catch up
All Schools – version 7
Parent / Carer Information

The Screening Programme

From September 2021, Buckinghamshire NHS Trust (BHT) School Nursing Service will be visiting Year 1 Class to undertake vision screening tests, which were not undertaken while in Reception class. The checks are carried out by School Health Assistants, in a space away from other pupils. Parents / Carers are requested to **opt-out of this if they DO NOT** wish their child to take part, if they are already under professional care, wear glasses or have had an eye test in the past 12 months.

COVID-19

BHT School Nursing Services will carry out the vision screening following government advice that aligns with national and local COVID-19 guidance for schools and infection control. The staff members who visit your school have clear guidance on hand hygiene, cleaning the vision screening equipment and the allocated measurement room(s). The local authority and school nursing team will use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as per current NHS policy. Pupils will not be required to wear PPE at any point during the screening process.

Vision Screening – The NHS recommends vision screening 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 before they are 8 years old. It is important that your child's eyes are checked regularly by an optician, which is **free** to all school age children. If parents/carers would like to make your own arrangements, then please contact **your local optometry practice (optician) for your child to have a free NHS sight test.** www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-an-optician. The optometrist (optician) will be able to explain the results and any next steps with you during the sight test.

Opt-out Process

If you DO NOT want your child to participate in the Screening Programme let us know via:

bht.schoolhealth-screening@nhs.net

Please note this is to be used for screening queries and opting-out only

Please provide the following details: Child's Full Name (or known by name if different) : Date of Birth : School : Gender : NHS number (if known): Name of parent/person with parental responsibility declining the screening : Return contact details. And if they are under professional care or have had a check in the past 12 months. (NB Children with glasses will not be screened)

Clearly state whether it is vision screening

Summary - How the data is used

Under the UK Data Protection Act 2018 and EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) any processing of personal data must have a lawful basis. The information collected for this programme falls within the category of data concerning health and the most appropriate lawful bases considered for this purpose is 'compliance with a legal obligation' and the 'provision of health and social care'. (Article 6 and 9 of GDPR) Any data collected during this programme will be treated confidentially and will not be used for any other purposes unless statutory legislation permits otherwise. Please read our Fair Processing Notice on the Bucks Healthcare NHS Trust website on details on how we process person identifiable data. The data is held by the local NHS Trust and will be added to your Child's NHS Child Health Record. Anonymised data will be used for analysis and used to help plan services in the future.