

21st January 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are writing to inform you that **your child has not had their vision check** completed at school due to the disruption caused by the Covid -19 pandemic and unfortunately the vision screening will not be provided until Public Health England grants the permission for us to continue. Further information can be found by visiting www.nhs.uk. The aim of vision screening is to detect vision problems early in childhood so your child can get effective treatment.

As vision is vital to a child's future development, we would like to help ensure your child receives a visual assessment. We recommend screening to ensure early identification and treatment of reduced vision. Children rarely complain of having poor vision and can easily go unnoticed so vision testing at age 4-5 is very important.

As it is uncertain when school screening will commence, if you would like to have a routine eye test performed we advise you to book into your local optician. Eye tests are free on the NHS for all children under the age of 16.

Whilst we are providing a limited service due to the present situation, if you feel your child is struggling with their vision and have concerns we can arrange an Orthoptic Community assessment at The Hospital of St Cross, Rugby. For the clinic appointment to be arranged and for us to be able to contact you directly **please can you complete the section below so that we can determine if you still want your child to have a vision check.** (Due to GDPR the school your child attends is not able to release your child's details for us to be able to contact you directly.)

Upon receipt we will try to contact you using the details you have provided to confirm that the reply has been received. Please complete the slip below to notify us as to whether you are visiting an outside optician or request Orthoptic assessment.

If we DO NOT receive the return slip from you in 4 weeks from the date you have received this letter we will inform the school nursing team that you have declined the school screening check and this will be recorded on your child's health record.

Should you have any queries/concerns or are not contacted by us after having sent the reply slip back please contact 02476 966520 for further information.

Yours sincerely,

Community Orthoptic Team.

VISION SCREENING DATA FORM



University Hospitals
Coventry and Warwickshire
NHS Trust

Could you please fill in the form and return to:

Jayna Mistry
Orthoptic Clinic
Clinic 9, Suite 6
UHCW NHS Trust
Clifford Bridge Road
Coventry
CV2 2DX

OR:

E-mail: uhc-tr.OrthopticDept@nhs.net

Child's Full Name.....

Date of birth.....

Full Address:.....

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School name:.....

NHS number (if known)

Telephone number.....

E mail address

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Please select option from below:

- My child is **already** attending the Eye Department. Please confirm this by ticking the box
- I have read this letter carefully and do **NOT** wish for my child to have an eye test
- I intend to take my child to an optician. Please confirm this by ticking the box
- I would prefer my child to be seen in school or a community clinic in **Rugby St Cross Hospital** depending on what arrangements can be made by the Orthoptic vision screening service. Please confirm this by ticking the box



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