



Vision Screening

INFORMATION FROM THE GROWING HEALTHY COUNTY DURHAM 0-25
FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE REGARDING VISION SCREENING.

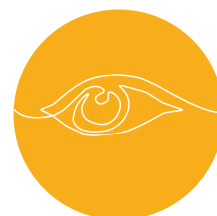
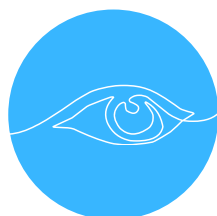
What is the vision screening programme?

During the academic year, 1st September 2025 to 31st August 2026, all children in reception will be offered routine vision screening in school.

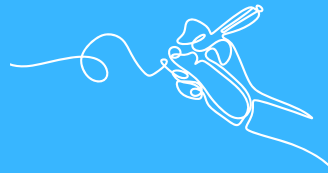
If your child requires a further vision assessment, following their screening in school, they may be referred to the Children's Community Optometry Service or to the hospital orthoptist for more detailed testing.

The Children's Community Optometry service is completely free and is delivered by local opticians. Your child will be referred to a local optician via Primary Eyecare Services who operate the Children's Community Optometry Service. Primary Eyecare Services will contact you via letter with a choice of local opticians who can provide the follow on service. Please look out for this letter arriving and make the choice of local optician as soon as you can. This letter will include a code that you will need to give to the optician when you book. We will share these results with your child's teacher to ensure they are given all the necessary support within the classroom.

If your child is referred to the hospital orthoptist, we will send you a letter to inform you, and your child will receive an appointment directly from the hospital service.



If you are happy for your child to have their vision checked, you do not need to do anything. Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.



If we do not hear from you within 2 weeks of this letter being sent, your child will be included within the vision screening programme.

We would hope that all children would take part in their health screening but if you do not wish your child to take part in any aspect of the screening offered please contact the Growing Healthy Service:

Via secure email - hdft.schoolscreeners@nhs.net
or Telephone: 03000 263538, option 1

Please ensure you include your child's name, school, date of birth and address in any correspondence



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