

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: VISION SCREENING for School-aged Children – Reception

The Community Eye Service will be commencing their routine visits into schools as part of the **Vision Screening** section of the Healthy Child Programme.

At this school-based visit, the Orthoptic Support Worker team will complete **Vision Screening** for your child.

- If you are happy for the Community Eye Service team to see your child, **you do not need to do anything.**
- If you **DO NOT** want your child to be seen in school, please email us on ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthub@nhs.net **within 7 working days** from receipt of this letter. Please use the subject “**OPT OUT school vision screening LUTON**” and tell us the name and date of birth of your child and what school and class they are in (for example John Smith, 1/1/19 at Cross Hatch School, Doves Class).
- If your child already attends the Community Eye Service in Bedfordshire they **will not** be screened in school.
- If your child already wears glasses or attends an eye clinic or sees an optometrist they **do not need to be seen** in school, please inform us via email on ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthub@nhs.net **within 7 working days** from receipt of this letter. Please use the subject “Seen elsewhere school vision screening” and tell us the name and Date of birth of your child and what school and class they are in (for example John Smith, 1/1/19 at Cross Hatch School, Doves class).

You will only be informed if your child **FAILS** their eye check and further assessment is required. If your child borderline fails their eye check, you will be sent a letter advising you to take your child to the Optician. If your child is found to have moderate reduced vision, you will get a letter advising you to contact our service for further assessments. If you didn't opt out and haven't heard from us by the end of their time in Reception then please assume they have passed their eye check. Your child's school will also be informed of the outcome if your child FAILS their eye check.

ALL results will be recorded onto your child's electronic health records, which can be seen by your GP and other health professionals, if you have any queries please feel free to contact us on ccs.bedsandlutonchildrenshealthub@nhs.net

What we recommend if your child PASSES:

We recommend you take your child to a high street Optometrist (sometimes called opticians) in 1-2 years' time for a routine eye test. You will need to contact them directly to arrange a sight test. These eye tests are free for all children on the NHS up to 16 years of age and should be attended annually.

There will be no further routine eye checks in school.

For further information on what the school vision test consists of please follow the following link <https://bedslutonchildrenshealth.nhs.uk/services/bedfordshire-and-luton-childrens-community-eye-service/childrens-vision-screening>