

Dear Parent/Carer

Vision Screening for Children Aged 4 to 5 Years – Wednesday 10th June 2026

We are inviting your child to participate in vision screening, which will be conducted at their school during school hours. This service is offered by the School Screening Team at Oxford Health Foundation Trust.

Please read the attached information leaflet to explain what vision screening is, its' importance and what happens if your child is found to have reduced vision. Please take time to read this information carefully.

Our vision screeners will only test your child's distance vision; this is not a complete sight test but can detect many childhood eye problems that can go undetected.


Once screening is complete, we will share the results with you via our secure online Portal usually within a week. To ensure you receive the results promptly, please create your account now using the link below. Once you have an account, you will receive an email notification when the results are ready to view.

After screening, the team will share a brief summary of the outcome with your child's class teacher. Please let your screener know on the number below if you do not want them to share any information with the teacher.

To access your child's screening results, please create an account for School Screener by clicking the link below:

 [School Screener - Create an account](#)

This is the **only way** you will receive your child's screening information.

 A helpful video is available on the site to guide you through the account creation process.

Or click on the link to watch the video now <https://youtu.be/4F3cL0IQ4G8>

Please note if you have already created an account, you can log in with your previous details and add a child to your account [How do I add another child?](#)

It is important you create this account so that if your child fails their vision screening you are aware and can take action.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to have vision screening for any reason, please contact your vision screener on:

Name: Gemma McCarthy

Mobile: 07717 701032

You can also opt your child out if they are already under professional care:

- your child already has glasses
- Is under the care of an eye professional at the hospital (Orthoptist or Optometrist)
- Is already having regular sight tests at an Opticians.

If you have any questions, please contact your screening team on schoolscreeningteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

Vision screening for 4 to 5 year olds

Information for parents



Vision screening

The NHS recommends vision screening at age 4 to 5 years. We want 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.

Reduced vision

Vision continues to develop from birth to around 8 years of age. Children rarely complain of having poor vision and it can easily go unnoticed, especially if it only affects one eye. Reduced vision can have an impact on a child's learning and development. This is why we recommend vision screening at age 4 to 5 years.

Reduced vision is caused by the brain not receiving a clear image from one or both eyes. Reasons could include factors such as the shape of the eye or a 'turn' in the eye (squint). Glasses and/or eye patches may be recommended as part of the treatment.

The screening test

Vision screening is usually carried out in your child's school. If your child is not in school long term, other arrangements can be made.

We will assess your child's vision using a letter matching test. The test is fun and your child does NOT need to know their letters. We will put an eye patch over one eye or use a pair of glasses with one eye blanked out.

The test is entirely safe and children enjoy playing the letter matching game.

Possible results

If screening suggests reduced vision, we will send you a letter confirming this and we will refer your child for further tests. These could take place at:

- a hospital eye service
- a community eye service
- your local opticians (by an optometrist)

We will then recommend the best treatment for your child.



Find out more
on the NHS
website:
[www.nhs.uk/
childrens-eyes](http://www.nhs.uk/childrens-eyes)

If screening does not suggest reduced vision, we will send you a letter confirming this. Vision screening should find most problems but like all types of screening it is not perfect and may not find every child with reduced vision.

Your child's vision will change over time. If you are worried at any time that your child is not seeing properly, you should arrange to see an optician or GP. Most people, including children, should get their eyes tested at least every 2 years.

Screening is optional

You can choose whether you want your child to have vision screening. This screening test is the only chance for all children to get their vision tested. This enables problems to be found and treated quickly at the start of their school life.



A vision screening test taking place

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