



Dear Parent/Carer,

Vision Screening/Eye Tests – SERVICE WITHDRAWN

Last year school vision screening in our area detected **296** children with vision problems that would otherwise have gone untreated.

THIS SERVICE IS NO LONGER PROVIDED.

If a child has a vision problem this needs to be treated during the critical period for vision development which ends at around 7/8 years of age.

Children rarely say if they are struggling, and if the problem is in one eye only this will only be detected by an eye test.

**We strongly recommend that you now book an
optician appointment to have your child's eyes tested**

Eye tests for children are **free** on the NHS at any high street optician.

It is recommended that children are tested once a year whether they wear glasses currently or not.

Children's eyes change as they grow, so a need for glasses can occur at any stage even if vision has previously been normal.

Yours faithfully,

Orthoptic Department

Queens Hospital

Burton-on-Trent