University Hospitals of Derby and Burton
NHS Foundation Trust

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Vision Screening/Eye Tests – SERVICE WITHDRAWN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

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