



Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Healthy Child Programme

Vision Screening Service

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Vision Screening Service based in Schools for Pupils in Year Reception

All children who are currently in school Year Reception would normally be offered a routine vision screening service by the NHS at their school. Covid-19 has caused major interruptions in education and child health services. This has meant that the vision screening services have been delayed, postponed or cancelled for some of the children who started Reception Year in 2020.

Vision screening is part of the 'Healthy Child Programme' and its aim is to identify the 1 in every 6 children who may need glasses or patching to prevent life-long visual loss. Children can often seem to cope well with poor levels of vision, so it is important that even children with apparently normal vision are screened. Early detection and treatment of sight issues can improve long term vision and have a positive effect on academic learning and development.

How can we catch up with vision screening in Cambridgeshire?

Recently a free online test, which can be used to test children's vision at home, has been developed by a consultant ophthalmologist at Addenbrooke's Hospital. It has been shown to be as accurate and reliable as clinical testing and is currently being used for telephone-based consultations there. To prevent a delay in your child having vision screening, we would like you to help your child complete this vision test at home using the instructions below, on the vision response form. An in-person clinic appointment will be made if you are unable to set up the test, or if your child finds the test difficult or seems to have a vision problem.

So that we can understand the best way to check your child's vision, **please complete the enclosed form** and either email it to ccs.visioncreening@nhs.net or post it to the address above. All information provided will be kept secure and confidential.

Yours sincerely

Kim Chenery
Healthy Child Programme Team Manager

VISION SCREENING RESPONSE

Child's name:

Date of birth:

Contact email address:

Contact(mobile) phone number:

Child's School:

- 1) Has your child already had vision screening or is attending an Optometrist (Optician) or Hospital Eye Service? **Yes/No**

If you answered **Yes** to this question you do **not** need to take any further action except returning this form to us.

If you answered **No**, please proceed to question 2.

- 2) Do you have access to two internet connected digital devices (any combination of smartphone, tablet or laptop)? **Yes/No**

If you answered **Yes** to this question, please go to the next section – **How to test your child's vision using DigiVis**.

If you answered **No**, we will organise an in-person screening test when it is possible to do so.

How to test your child's vision using DigiVis

Go to the www.digivis.org website on both digital devices, use the login code **myvisiontest** and follow the instruction video. This password will expire on 30th April 2021. If you need a translation, view the instruction video on youtube <https://youtu.be/thq5zZji3sq> : click on the "Settings" icon, select "Subtitles/CC," and then click "Auto Translate" and choose your language preference. If you have difficulty setting up the test, please phone **0300 029 5050 Option 1** and we will try to help.

When you have finished the vision test, please email a photo of this sheet, along with a photo of table of test results (see example below) to ccs.visioncreening@nhs.net **or** copy the numbers from the result table indicated by arrows in the example below, write them in the space below and return the form by post to the address above.

Your test is complete



Take a photo of these results

Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2021 20:46:42 GMT

Test Version: v1.0.1-3643f3

Results:

Right Eye Result

Left Eye Result

Less than 0 logMAR

Less than 0 logMAR

85 letters

85 letters

6/5 snellen (20/20)

6/5 snellen (20/20)

Right eye result

Left eye result

logMAR

logMAR

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We will contact you to let you know if further action is needed.