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Orthoptic School Screening Programme

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Dear Parent/Guardian

During this school year staff from the Orthoptic Department at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust will visit the school to test your child's eyes.

Your child will be tested to make sure that they do not have reduced vision in one or both of their eyes. The test is fun and does not rely on your child knowing their letters. It is designed to see if your child has blurred vision suggesting they may need glasses or any other cause of reduced vision.

The results of this test will be noted on your child's Health Records and you will be informed in writing of the result of this test.

If your child is found to have reduced vision, they will be referred to the Hospital Eye Service for further investigations and an appointment will be sent to you.

If your child passes the vision screening test you will be given more information on what to look for and what to do if you suspect, there is a problem in the future.

If your child already sees an Orthoptist at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, or a different Trust, it is not necessary for them to have this screening test done. Please notify us on the below email address.

If you **DO** wish your child to be seen, you **DO NOT NEED** to take any further action.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be tested, please email the Trust on wwl-tr.orthopticreferrals@nhs.net, within two weeks of receiving this letter.

Should you be unable to access an email, please contact your school, who will happily email, on your behalf.

If we do not hear from you, it will be assumed, that you would like your child's vision tested and they will be seen.

Yours Sincerely

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