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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Catch Up Vision Screening in Year 1

Usually, every year Reception children in Bromley have their vision screened. Unfortunately, last year the vision screening programme in your child's school was cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We would now like to offer you the opportunity to get your child's vision screened in Year 1.

Vision screening is recommended in order to detect whether a child has reduced vision in one or both eyes. This can often be corrected if found at a young age. If reduced vision is detected, your child will be referred to an orthoptist for early assessment and treatment. Your child will not be screened if they are currently seeing an orthoptist. Please let us know if this is the case for your child.

Vision screening will be carried out by trained healthcare professionals in a private area away from other pupils. Routine data, such as your child's name, sex, address, postcode, ethnicity, NHS number and date of birth, will also be collected.

The data from all Bromley schools will be gathered together and held securely by Bromley Healthcare. We will store your child's information on their health record and share it with their GP. All information and results will be treated confidentially. **No child's individual results will be given to school staff or other children. It is at parents' discretion as to whether they share the results with their child.**

After the screening, we will send you your child's results. We aim to do this within 5 working days.

Opting your child out of the programme

If you are happy for your child to have their vision screened, you do not need to do anything. **If you do not want your child to take part, please let us know by emailing the opt out slip overleaf to your child's school or returning it to your school office within 7 days.** Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

Yours faithfully

Debra Drazen
Lead for Children's Dietetics and Bromley Primary School Screening

I DO NOT WANT my child to have their vision screened.

My child is currently seeing an orthoptist.

School:

Child's name: Class:

Parent's/Carer's name:

Parent's/Carer's signature: Date:

IF YOU CHOOSE TO OPT OUT OF VISION SCREENING, PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR THE ATTENTION OF BROMLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL SCREENING OR EMAIL IT TO THE SCHOOL