

Data Protection

We collect information about your child relevant to their diagnosis and treatment. We store this on written records and on computer. We may share some of your information with other people and organisations. If you have any questions and/or do not want us to share that information, please talk to the person looking after your child.

More information about child vision screening:

www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/paediatric-eye-service

www.squintclinic.com

www.nhs.uk/childrens-eyes

Do you need this information in another language or format?

If you need this leaflet in an alternative language or format such as Braille or large print, or in a different language please contact us on **0800 917 2855**.

If you need to speak to us and need an interpreter, please call **0800 917 2855** saying your preferred language.

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Paediatric Eye Service

Your child's eye
test in school

The Specialist Eye Care service for children in South Birmingham



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Vision Screening

The NHS recommends vision screening at age 4 to 5 years. We want to identify children with reduced vision in one or both eyes. The aim is to detect any problems early enough so that your child can receive effective treatment.

Reduced Vision

Children rarely complain of having poor vision and it can easily go unnoticed, especially if it only affects one eye. Reduced vision can have a huge impact on a child's learning and development. To achieve maximum vision, treatment needs to take place before 8 years of age.

Reduced vision is caused by the brain not receiving a clear image from one or both eyes. The sort of eye problems we identify at this age include long and short sightedness, astigmatism and lazy eye. Glasses and/or eye patches may be recommended as part of the treatment.

The screening test

Vision screening is carried out in your child's school. The Paediatric Eye Service have been testing children's eyes in South Birmingham schools for over 30 years and are trained to specifically detect problems that affect vision and the co-ordination of the eyes. We are especially experienced with children of all ages and abilities.

We will assess your child's vision using a letter matching test. The test is fun, non invasive and pain free. Your child does **not** need to know their letters

If you **do not** want your child tested please let us know as soon as possible on **0121 466 3551**.

Possible results

If screening suggests reduced vision, you will receive a letter confirming this and we will refer your child for further tests at one of 4 local community clinics; Hall Green HC, Northfield HC, Broadmeadow HC or Quinton Lane Care Centre.

An appointment will be send to you.

We will recommend the best treatment for your child.

If screening does not suggest reduced vision, you will receive a letter confirming this.

Your child's vision will change over time. If you are worried that your child is not seeing properly, you should arrange to see your GP, Optician or contact the Paediatric Eye Service on **0121 466 3551**.

If your child is absent, we can either test them in Year 1 or you can contact us on the above number and we will see them at your nearest clinic.

Paediatric Eye Service Clinics

Quinton Lane Care Centre Tel: 0121 466 3500

Hall Green Health Centre Tel: 0121 466 4800

Broadmeadow Health Centre Tel: 0121 466 4650

Northfield Health Centre Tel: 0121 466 6900

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