

NHS Children's School Vision Screening 2023-2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of the vision assessment recommended for all reception aged children in Lambeth and Southwark (aged 4-5 years).

The assessment is carried out within schools by a Children's Vision Screener, a children's vision specialist, from Guys and St Thomas' Hospital. During the assessment your child will wear an eye patch to enable the vision in each eye to be assessed separately.

If your child does not meet the pass criteria or is absent on the day of testing, they will be referred for further assessment at St Thomas' Hospital or Gracefield Gardens Health Centre. The aim of this screening assessment is to detect significantly impaired vision which could affect learning.

Your child's school will share your child's details consisting of name, date of birth, address and parent/carer contact number. This information enables us to input the outcome of their vision assessment onto their NHS health record and to contact you about any further assessments, should the need arise.

If you want your child to be assessed you do not need to do anything as this is an OPT OUT national screening service and your child will be AUTOMATICALLY TESTED.

If you do not want your child's vision to be assessed you must complete the slip below.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on:

Email: gst-tr.eyelook@nhs.net or Tel: 02071884299 (Note this is a voicemail inbox only).

Yours Sincerely,

Prianka Gandesha
Highly Specialist Orthoptist
Vision Screening Lead for Lambeth

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I **DO NOT** consent for an Orthoptist to assess my child's vision AND for my child's school to share the relevant information named above, to allow the outcome of the assessment to be documented in their NHS health record.

Child's Name:

Parent/Carer Name:

Signature: Date: