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Dear Parent or Guardian

As part of national guidelines it is required for orthoptists to carry out a routine eye test on children who are in reception class. I would be grateful for the opportunity to explain the screening programme to you.

Orthoptists are specially trained to test children's eyes, treat squints and lazy eyes etc. The tests are short simple matching games with letters which will include the wearing of a pair of glasses with one eye covered, to test the vision of the other eye.

It is important that eye defects are detected before a child is 6 years old. We hope you will be willing to have your child's eyes tested. **If you agree to having your child tested you do not need to take any action.** Your child will be tested in school.

If your child fails their eye test, the school will be asked to provide us with your contact details and GP and a letter will be sent by post.

However, should you wish to have your child excluded from the eye test I would be grateful if you would complete the enclosed form and send it back to school within 7 days.

If your child already receives treatment for their eyes please send the form back to say you do not wish them to be tested.

If you have any questions regarding the eye test please contact your school.

Yours faithfully



Sue Vaggers
Senior Orthoptist – School Vision Screening Lead

I DO NOT wish my child to have a routine eye test at school / my child is already receiving treatment
(please delete as applicable)

Name of child:.....DOB.....

Address:.....

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Date:.....

Signed:..... (Parent/Guardian)

If you wish your child to be seen you do **NOT** need to complete and send this form back.