



Vision screening

The East Sussex School Health Service offers vision screening to all Reception class children.

It's important for eye problems to be identified as early as possible because they can have a significant impact on a child's development and education. Eye problems are often much easier to treat if detected while a child's vision is still developing (usually up to about seven or eight-years-old).

Screening will take place at your child's school. It will be carried out by trained healthcare staff in a private area in small groups of two or three children. If your child wears glasses please make sure they have them in school on the day of the test.

In order to accurately test the vision of each eye separately, vision screening glasses will be worn by your child and these will be cleaned after use by each child.

Your child will be given a simple explanation of the purpose of the test. This will include an opportunity to see the glasses.

The results of the screening will be available to view on the SchoolScreener parent portal. If the screening shows that your child's vision may need further assessment, they will be referred to ophthalmology (vision) departments at East Sussex Healthcare for a more detailed test. For you to receive an appointment by letter or phone, we will share your contact details with East Sussex Healthcare.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/653434/vision_screening_parent_leaflet.pdf

Withdrawing your child from the Vision Screening Programme

If you are happy for your child to be screened, please register on the SchoolScreener parent portal as soon as possible, so you will receive their results but you do not need to do anything.

If you do not want your child's vision to be checked, register on the SchoolScreener parent portal as soon as possible and tick the opt out, or by using the contact details at the bottom of this email.

Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

COVID-19 precautions

Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. With this in mind we are introducing the following measures:

- we will be wearing PPE, including a mask, apron and gloves
- tables, chairs and equipment will be cleaned between each bubble

The School Health Service can be contacted Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm.

Phone: 0300 123 4062

Email: kentchft.esschoolhealthservice@nhs.net

Web: www.kentcht.nhs.uk

Online referral form: www.eastsussexchildren.nhs.uk

NHS
East Sussex
School Health Service

Aged 11 to 19?
Or parent/carer of a
child or young person
aged 5 to 19 years old?

**East Sussex
School
Health**

Service provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

**Speak to a
school nurse
in person.**

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10am to 3 pm
and 6 to 9pm

Click <https://nhs.uk/east-sussex-school-health>
or text
07507 332473 anytime.

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Details about the information we collect from you, what we do with it and how it may be shared can be found in the leaflet. What happens to personal information held about you? Which you can find online: www.kentcht.nhs.uk/personalinfo or you can ask your healthcare professional