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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to announce that Bloxwich Academy has been chosen as the first school in the country to team up with Scrivens Opticians to ensure all our pupils receive a free vision screening test.

All our pupils will be assessed next half term in order to ensure pupils struggling with their vision can be dealt with appropriately.

Please find attached a letter from Scrivens along with an opt out form. Please ensure that the form is completed and handed in to our reception office no later than Wednesday 16 January 2019 if you do not want your child to undertake this test.

At Bloxwich Academy we are always pushing our pupils to progress and be the **best they can be** and hopefully this exciting opportunity will enhance their chances of success.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs S Davies

Acting Headteacher

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Dear Parent/Carer

Vision screening for children

Scrivens Opticians along with Essilor, the world leader in spectacle lens manufacturing are inviting your child to receive **free** vision screening. This will take place at Bloxwich Academy over a few weeks starting Thursday 17 January 2019.

Recent studies have identified that an estimated one and a half million UK children are believed to have an undetected vision problem. Vision screening will enable us to identify children with reduced vision in one or both eyes. The aim is to detect any problems so your child can receive effective treatment. Children rarely complain of having poor vision and it can easily go unnoticed, especially if it only affects one eye. Reduced vision can have an impact on a child's learning and development. Glasses may be recommended as part of the treatment.

We will assess your child's vision using a letter chart. The test is entirely safe and takes 5-10 minutes.

If screening suggests reduced vision, we will send you a letter confirming this and we will invite your child for further tests at your local Scrivens branch. If screening does not suggest reduced vision, we will send you a letter confirming this.

Vision screening doesn't check the health of the eye, but usually detects if a child is not seeing as well as expected. It is not perfect and may not find every child with reduced vision. Vision screening is **NOT** a full eye test and we advise that all children should get their eyes tested at their local opticians. All children up to the age of 16 and those in full time education aged 16 to 18 are entitled to a **free** NHS sight test and help towards the cost of glasses. Essilor will also offer students a free upgrade to hard wearing, scratch resistant spectacle lenses for any child needing correction and who attends a Scrivens practice for a follow-up investigation.

You can choose whether you want your child to have vision screening. The screening enables problems to be found and treated quickly.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to have vision screening, please complete the slip below. Otherwise we will assume you are happy for your child to be screened.

Vision screening for children

Complete and return **only** if you **DO NOT** want your child to have vision screening.

Name of child:

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Date of birth:

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Address:

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Postcode:

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I **DO NOT** want my child to have screening (tick box if appropriate)

Signed (parent/carer)

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Name in full (print clearly in capital letters)

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Please return this reply slip to your child's school by Wednesday 16 January 2019.