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Dear Parent/ Guardian

Re: Your Child's Routine Eye Test

The Vision Screener, Louise Godwin, from Torbay Hospital will be visiting your child's school in March. She will conduct a routine Vision eye test. The UK National Screening Committee recommends that screening of children's eyes should be offered to all children aged 4 and 5 years.

The Vision Screener will test your child's vision and stereovision (3D vision). The tests are non-invasive (no eye drops required) and have been designed to examine young children's eyes. They are easy and fun for your child to do.

Your child will automatically be tested and we will notify you of the outcome on the day by returning a letter home with your child, however if your child is already under the care of the Torbay Hospital for a known eye condition, the Vision Screener will not need to assess your child at school.

If any problems are detected you will be referred to a Specialist at Torbay Hospital.

If you **do not** wish for your child to be tested, please complete and return the form and hand it into your child's school.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's eyes/ vision or if you have any information regarding a family history of eye problems that you would like to tell us about, please do so using the attached form.

If you have any questions, please contact us using the telephone number at the top of this letter.

Hannah Stewart

Vision Screening Manager
Deputy Head Orthoptist

Only complete if you do NOT wish your child to be seen. Please return slip to school.

Child's name.....**DOB**.....**Class**.....

Tick appropriate box below

I Do NOT wish my child to be seen (opt – out of vision screening)

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Or

My child already attends Torbay Eye Hospital

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