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EYE HEALTH

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although serious vision problems during childhood are rare, routine eye checks are offered to new born babies and young children to identify any problems early on.

Free NHS sight tests are available at opticians for children under 16 and for young people under 19 in full-time education.

Why eye checks are important?

The sooner any eye problem is found, the sooner you and your child will be able to get any treatment and support needed.

Children may not realise they have a vision problem so, without routine tests, there is a risk a problem may not be spotted. This may affect their development and education.

Children can have an eyesight test at any age. They do not need to be able to read, or even speak. An eyesight test is particularly important if there is a history of childhood eye problems, such as squint or lazy eye, in your family.

If you have any concerns about your child's vision see a GP or go to an opticians.

Where to go?

In Winsford, you can book appointments for eye tests at Taylors Optometrists, Specsavers or Asda Winsford Opticians. Appointments should be made after the school day has finished or even on a Saturday.

Please book an appointment routinely and look after your child/children's eye health.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Chappell

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