Paediatric information: for parents

About our children’s vision screening service – Moorfields at St George’s

You will have received this leaflet following your child taking part in school vision screening, where we have found that their vision is not as good as it could be. This leaflet aims to answer some questions parents may have about the service, however if you have any further questions after reading this leaflet, please contact the orthoptics department at St. George’s on 020 8266 6120.

What is the next step?
The next step is to see whether your child needs glasses. The fastest way to find this out is to book an appointment for a glasses test with a local optometrist. In the Wandsworth area, there are several optometrists who work with Moorfields Eye Clinic at St. George’s Hospital, and we would recommend that you book an appointment with one of these in the first instance. We have put together a full list on the second page of this leaflet.

Why is it necessary to make an appointment for my child at this stage?
It is vital to detect and treat any vision problems early on, such as amblyopia (lazy eye) to ensure your child achieves the best vision possible. It is important to remember that young children rarely complain about having reduced vision and so, a glasses test will identify any problems and any requirement for glasses. Getting your child to wear glasses as soon as a vision problem is detected is the first step in starting treatment.

What will happen at the appointment?
The optometrist will be able to explain the results and any next steps needed during the sight test.
Recommended optometrists in Wandsworth and the surrounding area

Clapham
Karen Lockyer Optometrists, 98 St John's Road, Clapham Junction, SW11 1PX
- Karen Lockyer: 020 7228 0467
- Gina Wong: 020 7228 0467

Sutton
Boots Opticians, 109 High Street, Sutton, SM1 1JG
- Meera Nagi: 020 8661 9488 (option 2)
- Sonal Patel: 020 8661 9488

Tooting
Wheeler and Kirk Optometrists, 8 Tooting High St, London SW17 0RG
- Dr Anup Patel: 020 8672 7060

Wallington
Barlindene LTD, 381 Croydon Road, Wallington, SM6 7NY
- Roop Maini: 020 8647 8992

Wimbledon
Specsavers Wimbledon, 38 The Broadway, Wimbledon, London SW19 1RQ
- Aliasgar Khimani: 020 8542 4434
- Dyanie Selvaratnam: 020 8542 4434
- Nusratbanu Merali: 020 8542 4434

Fiona Watt Optometrists, 265 Coombe Ln, Wimbledon, London SW20 0RH
- Eleanor Holtam: 020 8944 6886