

Special School Eyecare Service

School service information

Introduction

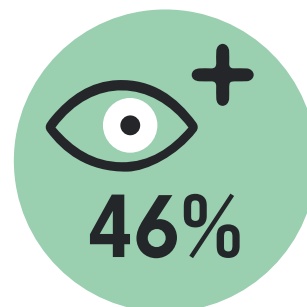
The NHS in England have committed to transforming eye care and vision for students and young people in special schools in England by delivering a **free**, eye examination **on the school premises** which will include the supply, fitting and support with glasses for every student who needs them.



Students with a learning disability and/or autism are 28x more likely to have eye health issues



44% of students have no history of eye care provision



46% of students have a significant eye problem



Please watch this short film to see the impact the service has had on a young man named Terence. 



When SeeAbility fitted Terence's glasses I was so happy, I was in tears of joy! It was incredible, the way they worked with him, the care was incredible, they were so gentle. This is life-changing for Terence. With his glasses he can see the world clearly. He is smiling all the time! You can see so much difference in him. It is like a miracle, that's the only way I can describe it. Without exaggeration, SeeAbility have given my son the gift of sight. I am so incredibly grateful.

Terence's Mum



We'd love to support your child's eye care at school. To do this, we need your consent – please scan the QR code or go to seeability.org/opt-in to complete the form, even if your child is being seen elsewhere.



Why is an eye test important?

Children often don't say if they can't see well. Poor vision can stop them joining in or make it harder to move around safely.

Regular eye tests (at least once a year) check how well they can see, their eye health, and if they need glasses.

All students can have an eye test – they don't need to read or speak to take part.



Who carries out the eye checks?

Eye checks are done by a trained Eye Care Team, including an optometrist and a dispensing optician. They are specially trained to support students with learning disabilities and/or autism.

- **Optometrist:** checks eye health and whether glasses are needed.
- **Dispensing Optician:** measures for glasses, fits them well, and provides free frames, repairs, and support.

What happens during the eye check?

Eye checks take place at school, with a staff member supporting the student. Parents/carers are welcome to attend. The team helps the student feel safe and comfortable.

They will check:

- how well the student sees
- if glasses are needed
- how the eyes move and work together
- the health of the eyes

What happens after the eye check?



The team will send a clear, easy-to-read report to parents/carers and the school.

If needed, the student may be referred for further care, and information may be shared with other professionals to support their needs.

For further information, please contact: eye.clinics@seeability.org 