

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS OF
4 YEAR OLD CHILDREN**

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: STATEWIDE EYESIGHT PRESCHOOLER SCREENING (StEPS)

The Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) program is an initiative of the NSW Department of Health and offers all 4 year old children a free vision screening assessment

It is **highly recommended** all 4 year old children participate in the vision screening program as many vision problems remain undetected unless a child's vision is screened by a trained vision screener.

Your child's vision will be screened one eye at a time and **no drops** will be used.

All parents/carers of children who have their vision screened will be informed of the results of their child's vision screening assessment.

Should a vision problem be detected parents/carers will receive a letter asking them to have their child's vision fully tested by an eye health professional.

As children's eyes continue to develop until approximately 8 years of age it is important to ensure every child's vision develops normally throughout these formative years and NSW Department of Health recommends you have your child's vision tested fully by an eye health professional if you have any concerns regarding your child's vision.

Please complete and sign the attached consent form and return it to your child's Child Care Centre as soon as possible so a trained vision screener can test your child's eyes.

If you have any questions regarding the StEPS program, please contact your StEPS Coordinator on

Thank you for participating in the StEPS program.