# REINSTATE SCHOOL VISION SCREENING

## Equal Eye Care for Every Reception Aged Child

North Yorkshire LOC Children's Eyecare Campaign




## 1. SIGN THE PETITION

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## 2. WRITE TO YOUR MP

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https://www.loc-online.co.uk/northyorkshire-loc/childrens-eyecare-campaign/

# Why This Matters: Closing the Gap in North Yorkshire

## The Regional Disparity

- **Postcode Lottery:** While reception-aged children in the City of York receive public health-funded school vision screening, there is currently no commissioned screening programme across the wider North Yorkshire Council area.
- **What Changed:** Until 2021, screeners trained by Harrogate Hospital Orthoptists visited local schools. Following budget cuts, this was replaced solely by letters advising parents to book a GOS sight test.
- **The Clinical Risk:** Although recommended by the UK National Screening Committee (UK NSC), 4-5 vision screening is not centrally mandated. Relying on opportunistic detection increases the risk of delayed amblyopia diagnosis and preventable, permanent visual impairment.

## Our Campaign

**North Yorkshire LOC is campaigning to reinstate a universal, orthoptist-led 4–5 vision screening programme across North Yorkshire, aligned with national standards.**

## How You Can Help

1. **Sign the Petition:** Add your voice at lnkd.in/eqVEuRFg (or scan the front).
2. **Write to Your MP:** Download our template letter (lnkd.in/eNbhY-HK) and include anonymised practice case studies of delayed diagnosis. Find your MP at lnkd.in/eF3D3_HY.
3. **Mobilise Your Community:** Display this poster at your work, or your children's school, talk to parents, friends and family and share the campaign.
4. **Share Digital Assets:** Follow North Yorkshire LOC on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram for ready-to-use social graphics and updates.

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