

To the parents of

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## IT'S IMPORTANT... TO SEE CLEARLY



### SUBJECT: CALL FOR ORTHOPTIC SCREENING FOR EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF AMBLYOPIA (LAZY EYE)

Dear Parents,

We would like to invite your child for eye screening for early diagnosis of amblyopia on (date)..... at (time)..... at (location).....

*invitiamo il vostro bambino ad eseguire lo screening visivo per la diagnosi precoce dell'ambliopia il giorno..... alle ore..... presso.....*

Amblyopia, commonly known as “lazy eye”, is reduced vision in one eye which cannot be corrected by glasses or other optical aids, caused by abnormal visual development in the early years of life.

Amblyopia is the most common cause of childhood visual impairment, affecting 2-4% of children, and can become irreversible if not diagnosed in time for targeted treatments.

If amblyopia is diagnosed before 6 years old, it can be properly treated.

It is important to carry out an eye examination at 4 years old because children are not able to identify poor vision in one eye by themselves.

Orthoptic screening is an eye examination to diagnose and prevent amblyopia.

It is free and non-invasive, and lasts around 10 minutes. Screening is carried out by a Reggio Emilia Local Health Authority orthoptist.

### CONTACTS

If you would like more information or if your child is receiving treatment for other eye problems, call 0522 335781 or write to [screeningortottico@pec.ausl.re.it](mailto:screeningortottico@pec.ausl.re.it)

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