

February 15, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As part of a province-wide program, your child's kindergarten class will take part in vision screening on **March 06, 2018 from 9:15 AM to 1:00 PM** by Public Health staff.

Healthy vision is important for your child's learning. We want to find and help children who may have eye problems which can affect their learning. **This screening does not replace regular eye exams with your eye doctor (optometrist or ophthalmologist).** If your child has been seen by an eye doctor in the last six months, please let us know as we may not need to screen your child.

You will receive your child's results on the day of the screening and class results are shared with your school's principal. If we find any possible concerns with your child's vision, a separate form will be included to have your child see an eye doctor (optometrist or ophthalmologist).

If you do not wish your child to be screened or if you do not want your child's principal to be informed of the vision screening results, please contact us at 604-654-2640. If you do not contact us, we will screen your child's vision and share the screening results. If you choose not to participate, this will not affect your child's eligibility for other services or quality of care provided.

The information collected is to support client referral and follow up, and to evaluate the screening program by Vancouver Coastal Health and at a provincial level. We make sure that this information stays private. We collect, use and share this information only as allowed by law – the *British Columbia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

If you have any questions about this screening program, please contact us at 604-654-2640.

Sincerely,

Vancouver Community Early Childhood Vision Screening Program

For more information on vision please visit BC Health Files at www.bchealthguide.org