

MR FOUREYES | FOUREYES FOUNDATION

Information for parents

Good eyesight is very important in life – and at school. If your child has problems seeing **close up**, they might...

- Get tired easily when reading
- Complain that the letters mix themselves up on the page
- Get distracted

And if they have **problems seeing in the distance**, they might...

- Sit extra close to the TV or whiteboard
- Squint to try and see
- Find it difficult to read things from far away e.g. street signs

Most school work relies on your child using their eyes – looking at the whiteboard, looking at a book, looking at a screen. If it's hard for your child to do so, it can really affect their experience at school – and their learning.

What we can do

Over the last 12 months Optometrist Ravi Dass screened the eyesight of all the kids in 12 schools in the Wairarapa region. On average we found that about 10% of the Masterton kids ended up needing glasses.

We're coming to your school next.

The screening will take place in the school and will be free. Even though your child probably had their eyesight screened as part of their B4 school check (or already wear glasses), this is important to pick up on any changes since then, and will cover a wider range of eyesight checks.

Next steps

If the screening shows there's a problem with your child's eyesight, the next step is to do a full **eye test**. **You will be provided with a consent/referral form for this.**

Optometrist Ravi will be doing eye tests at Selina Sutherland Hospital in Masterton. You can arrange an appointment through school or us directly. Eye tests through the Foureyes Foundation are now covered through grants, donations, and government subsidies so there is no direct cost to parents.

The eye test will cover eye functions that are important for learning and development.

If your child needs glasses, there may be additional charges. If you have a community services card they will likely be free. Mr Foureyes also has a limited number of free glasses it can provide where there is a strong need.

If you have any questions, get in touch with:

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