

If your child has had spectacles prescribed by the clinic

Information for parents of children prescribed spectacles by the paediatric eye clinic

What are the forms I've been given?

The green form is your copy of your child's prescription, for you to keep.

The yellow voucher allows you help towards the cost of your child's spectacles and needs to be given to the optician where you get the spectacles made. You can only use it once.

Where can I get my child's spectacles?

You can get your spectacles made up by any qualified optician of your choice. The green form tells the optician what prescription is required.

If you wish to get your spectacles made up by the dispensing optician service at St. James's University Hospital please arrange an appointment at the dispensing optician office in the eye clinic or by phoning **0113 206 4742**.

What if I want a spare pair for my child?

You are not entitled to a voucher for a spare pair. You will have to pay the full cost of any spare pairs at the opticians of your choice.

How often can I get a new prescription and voucher for spectacles?

You are normally entitled to a new prescription and voucher for spectacles every year, unless the doctor, optometrist or orthoptist recommends a more frequent examination.

What do I do if the spectacles need repairing or replacing?

The optician who made the spectacles is responsible for providing repairs and replacements whilst you have an up to date prescription. Take your child's spectacles along to where you got them from and your optician will repair/replace them as required.

Spectacles should continue to be repaired or replaced until you receive a new prescription and voucher, up to a maximum of a year. The clinic will decide if you require a new prescription not the optician who provided the spectacles.

Why do I need to bring my child back to clinic after being prescribed spectacles?

It is important to check how well your child's vision is improving when they have first been prescribed spectacles. At the first follow up appointment, (usually six weeks after being prescribed spectacles) the orthoptist will check your child's vision and how well the two eyes are working together. They will then discuss whether any further treatment is required.

Useful numbers

- Optometry department **0113 206 4742 / 0113 206 4736**
Monday - Friday, 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
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