

Parental-Letter:

Dear Parents!

The eye health of your children is very important to us!

The demands that the eyes of your children need to meet during their time in school is not insignificant. Please monitor your children regarding complaints or possible symptoms, that could be caused by visual defects. There is a broad spectrum of such symptoms:

Some children complain about headaches, eyestrain or a burning in the eyes. It is also not uncommon for children to refer to source of pain in a completely unexpected body part, such as the stomach (e.g. stomach-ache). Sometimes symptoms manifest as an unfounded reluctance or unwillingness to read, which is often misinterpreted as laziness or lack of participation. Rarely is a child capable of correctly identifying the source of the problem, which is a visual defect.

Visual defects can only be correctly diagnosed through regular check-ups at an eye specialist's.

Shortsightedness is rapidly rising worldwide. However the treatment options regarding the progression of shortsightedness have clearly improved, since an extensive amount of research has been done. Nevertheless an early detection is still the key, in order to therapeutically intervene.

The supply situation, concerning eye specialists, is currently good only in certain districts there is a lack of specialists, which can cause longer waiting periods for an appointment.

Acute problems however are normally quickly and easily diagnosed.