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ATROPINE EYE DROPS

Information for Parents

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PATIENT INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION:

Your child has had their vision checked by either a nurse or an orthoptist.

Now, to enable us to check the health of the inside of the eye and to test for glasses accurately, the pupil (the black spot in the centre of the eye) must be enlarged. This will be done using eye drops.

The eye drop your child will be using is called **Atropine 1%**.

Please let the orthoptist, nurse, or doctor know if your child has reacted to any eye drops or ointments in the past.

HOW TO USE THE DROPS

- Please ensure you have washed your hands before and after using the eye drops
- The drops should be used twice daily for 3 days prior to the appointment but NOT on the day
- The drops should be used in both eyes
- Gently pull down the lower lid and tell the child to look up, place a drop inside the lower lid.
- It may be easier to put the drops in while your child is asleep.

WHAT DO THE DROPS DO?

- The pupil will be enlarged
- Your child may mention that things look blurred - it may be advisable to inform their schoolteacher of this.
- Your child's eyes may be very sensitive to bright light - wearing a cap or sunglasses may help to reduce their symptoms
- Once the drops have been applied, your child may become a little flushed. This is a normal side effect of the drops.
- As your child may feel dehydrated whilst using the drops, please ensure that your he/she drinks plenty of water.

- The effects of the drops may last up to 14 days, and are always temporary and produce no long term side effects.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

- Keep the drops out of reach of children
- Store them in a cool place
- Dispose of the drops safely at home, or bring them with you to your appointment.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- The drops should only be used for the child undergoing the eye examination, and never by any other person.
- Please do not use the drops if your child is unwell or has a slight temperature. It is best to call and rebook for appointment for when your child is well.
- The eye drops are a drug. If your child becomes severely flushed, irritable or dehydrated once you have used them this may indicate an allergy to this treatment. Stop using the drops immediately, contact your doctor and notify the eye clinic as soon as possible.

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