**Template email for public/parents:
Sight for SEN: Secure the future of the Special Schools Eye Care Service [England only]**

**{{INSERT MP NAME}}**

UK Parliament

House of Commons

Westminster

London

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 **{{INSERT DATE}}**

Dear **[Insert name]**

**Re: Sight for SEN: Secure the future of the Special Schools Eye Care Service**

My name is **[insert name].** I am writing to you about **[my/a relative’s]** experience with the Special Schools Eye Care Service in **[insert borough].**

[Here you can include details of your experience of the Special Schools Eye Care Service and why it is an invaluable service in your area.]

Children with special educational needs (SEN) are 28 times more likely to have an eye condition so the recent announcement to roll out sight testing in special schools in England via the Special Schools Eye Care Service is a welcome move.

As someone who has **[insert your experience]**, I know first-hand that the Special Schools Eye Care Service increases the quality of life of children with special educational needs.

To shine a spotlight on how valuable this service is**,** the Association of Optometrists have produced a briefing document (attached) which explains how the Special Schools Eye Care Service provides eye care to children who currently may not have the means to access treatment in their area which is tailored to their needs.

I believe that a long-term commitment on behalf of the Department for Health and Social Care is needed to ensure that **[my relative]** can access equitable eye care consistently in their school environment where they feel comfortable and safe to do so.

I would be grateful if you could write to Steve Barclay MP and/or Neil O’Brien MP at the Department of Health and Social Care, on my behalf, and ask them to ensure a long-term commitment to the Special Schools Eye Care Service.

If you were able to raise this matter in questions and debates in the House that would be hugely valued.

Best wishes,

**[Name, address, including postcode]**