

Glasses in Classes

Clear vision for
every school child



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What is Glasses in Classes?

Glasses in Classes is a literacy intervention project. It began in Bradford and is now being trialled in more areas – across Derby, Doncaster, Durham, Norwich and Breckland.

It enables eyecare services to share data with schools on which children have failed their vision screening and which children should be wearing glasses. It provides an additional pair to be kept in school for children who need them.

A separate feasibility study is taking place in North Yorkshire Coast which empowers trained school personnel to carry out basic checks on children's eyes and vision.

The Department for Education is working in partnership with the Universities of Bradford and Durham to deliver and evaluate the project.

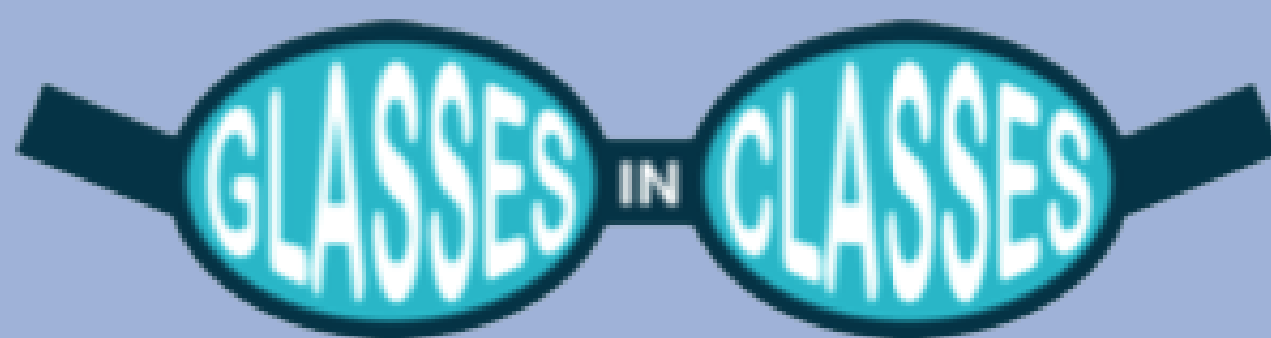


See school training materials:



Why we need Glasses in Classes

The initial trial in Bradford showed that between 10-15% of children fail a screening of their eyes and vision, and the majority of these need glasses. Of those around 30% are not taken to the optometrist to get glasses. Even those who do attend an optician's appointment, around half do not wear their glasses. So, in any primary school class of the 3 or 4 children who need glasses only one or two may be wearing them. Children who do not get or use prescription glasses are disproportionately from disadvantaged backgrounds and their education may be affected by not seeing clearly





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