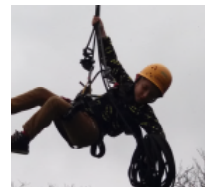




# Children's Service for the Visually Impaired

We are a small team of teachers who have a specialist qualification to support and work with children with a visual impairment and their families. We are funded through education from the four local authorities in our area.

We use nationally agreed guidelines to determine the level of support a child will need to help them to achieve their academic potential and to become active members of their local community.



## **Our work includes:**

- Support for parents at a fortnightly Parent and Toddler group and in the home
- Training for any adults who work with a child with a visual impairment.
- Ensuring access to the curriculum at school which might include using specialist IT equipment or software
- Training on independent living skills including using a cane if required
- Providing additional targeted curriculum teaching
- Teaching Braille if needed
- Organising social activities for young people with visual impairment.

*If you are worried about your child's vision and would like some advice or support at home or in their educational setting then contact -*

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