

Your Qualified Teacher of the Visually Impaired will enable successful educational achievement and social inclusion for your child with vision loss

Your Qualified Teacher of the Visually Impaired (QTVI) will:

- ◆ Share information about your child's visual condition with staff, and provide strategies to support your child in all aspects of school life.
- ◆ Explain your child's vision loss to staff and how it may affect his/her access to learning and other development.
- ◆ Carry out Environmental Audits for visual access and safety.
- ◆ Liaise with other professionals including Ophthalmology, Habilitation Officers and the Health service.
- ◆ Give advice for specialist reports including EHC Plans.
- ◆ Focus on developing your child's communication skills, such as tactile discrimination and Braille and where appropriate.
- ◆ Work together, with staff to assess your child's individual needs and set appropriate targets to support his/her to progress, despite their vision loss.
- ◆ Share information about local support groups and voluntary agencies.
- ◆ When the time comes, support your child through the transition process.

Supporting babies, children and young people with vision impairment in homes and educational provisions in Birmingham



Vision Support Team

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Who are we?

- ◆ Specialist Teachers of children with vision impairment
- ◆ Specialist Teaching Assistants
- ◆ Braille Tutors

What do we do?

- ◆ We support children with a diagnosed vision impairment.
- ◆ Support children displaying visual difficulties in accessing the curriculum and are known to be seen in an Ophthalmology department of a hospital.
- ◆ We offer specialist support to you and your family.
- ◆ Our purpose is to minimise the impact of a vision loss.

Referrals

We receive referrals from Ophthalmologists, optometrists, opticians, schools, other services and parents.

Positive Outcomes

- ◆ Raising expectations and achievements.
- ◆ You and your family are supported and empowered to become advocates for your child.
- ◆ Smooth transition at all stages of your child's education.

Your Child's Qualified Teacher of the Visually Impaired is:

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