

What is the Visual Education Service?

- The Visual Education Service is an educational support service for children, teachers and all those concerned with the education of the child with a visual impairment.
- The Visual Education Service operates a peripatetic service visiting and supporting children with a visual impairment in their home, playgroup, nursery or school.

What are the aims of the Visual Education Service?

- To ensure the child has full access to the curriculum in a form which is appropriate to their individual needs.
- To involve and value the active participation of parents.
- To ensure that children achieve their full potential.

What is the Role of the Peripatetic Teacher?

- To consult with and give information and advice to parents, schools, other professions and agencies.
- To assess functional vision levels.
- To ensure full access to the curriculum, adapted to the needs of each individual visually impaired child and provide classroom support as appropriate.
- To provide appropriate materials and equipment for pupils.
- To provide individual programmes of work, guidelines and recommendations.
- To give advice and recommendations for special arrangements for examinations e.g. enlarged print, extra time, adapted papers.
- To provide direct teaching input in key skill areas - training in use of low vision aids, technology, Braille, touch typing and other differentiated materials.
- To provide awareness training for staff, pupils and other professionals.

Staff of the Visual Education Service.

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Checklist of Points Suggesting a Visual Impairment:

- Rubs eyes excessively.
- Shuts or covers one eye.
- Tilts head or thrusts head forward.
- Squints, blinks or frowns when doing close work.
- Holds reading material too close or too far.
- Complains of pains, itching or aches in the eyes.
- Complains of blurred or double vision.
- Stumbling or bumping into objects.

Who can refer a child to the Visual Education Service?

- Anyone can refer a child to the Visual Education Service, following the consent of the child's parent/guardian
- If you would like help or advice regarding a child's vision, please telephone or fill in and return the form below. A full referral form will then be sent out to you to complete.

Child's name: _____

D.O.B. _____

Address: _____

Post Code _____

Tel No: _____

Your name: _____

Address (if different from above)

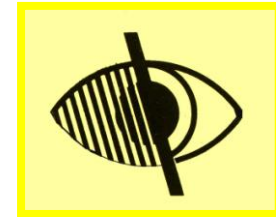
Tel: _____

Useful Contacts:

- North East Sensory Services (NESS)
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- RNIB Scotland Education & Family Serv
Greenside House
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