

Children and Young People with Vision Impairment



Information for Parents

Derby City Council employs Qualified Teachers for Vision Impairment (QTVI) to provide support for pre-school children and school aged children in Derby City schools and early years settings.

Safeguarding

We are child-centred and are legally required to pass on information if we think it is critical to keep a child safe. We aim to be as transparent as possible in this situation.



Our role

We provide information, support and guidance to parents, schools, early years settings and other professionals. This includes:

For Pre-School Children

- Home visits
- Support with play and development
- Advice on toys and equipment

In School

- Support and advice for children, teachers, teaching assistants and support workers on reading and writing materials, print format, seating position, classroom resources, teaching techniques and implications for the wider school environment.
- Functional Vision Assessment
- Resources
- Training
- Mobility and Habilitation support - provided in partnership with Guide Dogs
- Vision awareness training for staff and peers
- Contributing to Education, Health and Care plans.

Plus

Working with other professionals, including health colleagues at the eye clinic.

Information relating to the eye condition and its implications for access.

Support for transitions into and between pre-school settings and schools.

Supporting opportunities for local peer group contact.



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