

The Early Years Team



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We are part of the Inclusion & Learning Service. We work with all partners to provide equal opportunities for children who are visually impaired. We work specifically with children who have an identified visual impairment which may have an impact on their learning and development. We can help to minimise the effects that your child's visual impairment could have on his or her development.

We are based at:

**Tapton School
Darwin Lane
Sheffield S10 5RG**

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**Link to Vision Support Service
Local Offer**

<http://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/kb5/sheffield/directory/service.page?id=PMqF2VmZ0xo>

**Sheffield Children,
Young People and
Families
Vision Support Team
0-5 Years**



**“Our aim is for all
visually impaired
children aged 0-5 years
to achieve their
maximum potential.”**

Referral:

Anyone can refer a visually impaired child to our Service, including parents themselves.

Main sources of referral are:

Ophthalmologists, Doctors, Health Visitors, Social Workers, and Physiotherapists.

We can offer:

- **Support to Families.**

Home visits to provide relevant information and a listening ear for problems.

- **Functional Vision Assessment.**

This will help us to understand your child's vision difficulties. Over a period of time during home visits we will discover what we need to know through playing with your child. We will then introduce activities and experiences chosen to be fun for your child as well as helping his/her development. We can also give you suggestions for visual stimulation.



- **Liaison.**

With your consent we can liaise with other professionals involved with your child to ensure that all input is co-ordinated.

- **Information.**

We can give information and advice about voluntary organisations, both local and national, which you may find useful.

- **Contacts.**

If you are interested, we can put you in touch with other parents whose children have similar difficulties.

- **Support to Playgroups and Nurseries**

We can offer training to staff in the inclusion of visually impaired children and give advice and suggestions regarding resources and adaptation of materials.

- **Nurseries and Schools**

We can give information and advice about appropriate nurseries and schools to facilitate inclusion, wherever possible, for your child.

- **Resources.**

We can offer suggestions about suitable toys and equipment for multi-sensory development. We have toys and equipment available for loan.

