

# Useful Contacts for Parents

## Reading

### RNIB National Library Service

RNIB National Library Service is the largest library in the UK for readers with sight loss. It operates a postal library lending service and has links to accessible electronic books and information.

They offer a wide choice of fiction and non-fiction books in audio, braille and giant print for adults and children.

Whether you want to read for pleasure or learning, relaxation or inspiration, if you [join the RNIB National Library Service](https://www.rnib.org.uk/library) they can help you discover a new world of accessible books and reading.

[rnib.org.uk/library](https://www.rnib.org.uk/library) Tel 0303 123 9999

### Bagbooks

Bag Books is the only organisation in the world publishing multi-sensory books specifically for people with learning disabilities.

[www.bagbooks.org](https://www.bagbooks.org) Tel 020 7627 0444

### ClearVision

ClearVision is a UK postal lending library of mainstream children's books with added braille. Their books all have braille (or Moon), print and pictures, making them suitable for visually-impaired and sighted children and adults to share.

There are over 13,000 books in the collection, including tactile board books, simple stories for young children and stimulating books for newly fluent readers.

They have fiction and non-fiction in uncontracted (grade 1) and contracted (grade 2) braille - everything a young reader could want from The Very Hungry

Caterpillar and Thomas the Tank Engine to Katie Morag, the Sheep-Pig, books about space and the Oxford Reading Tree.

[www.clearvisionproject.org](http://www.clearvisionproject.org) Tel: 020 8789 9575

## **Calibre Audio Library**

The Calibre Audio Library has a wide choice of full length books for children and young people on cassette and digital format, available to borrow.

[www.calibre.org.uk](http://www.calibre.org.uk) Tel 01296 432339

## **National Blind Children's Society**

They sell a large selection of customised large print books to families and schools.

[www.nbcs.org.uk](http://www.nbcs.org.uk) Tel 01278 764 770

## **Sheffield Central Children's Library**

They offer a wide range of spoken word cassettes, talking books on CDs and MP3s and large print titles for loan to children and young people.

[www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries) Tel 0114 2734734

# **Advice and Guidance for Parents**

## **RNIB**

RNIB offers practical and emotional support for anyone living with sight loss.

They also offer support to parents who themselves have sight problems.

[www.rnib.org.uk](http://www.rnib.org.uk) RNIB helpline 0303 1239999

## **Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind**

SRSB offer a range of activities and services for visually impaired children and their families.

[www.srsb.org.uk](http://www.srsb.org.uk) Tel 0114 2722757

## **Action for Blind People**

Action for Blind People is an expert national organisation, ensuring blind and partially sighted people receive practical support in all aspects of their lives.

[www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk](http://www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk) Tel 020 7635 4800

## **LOOK**

The national federation of families with visually impaired children, offers assistance and support.

[www.look-uk.org](http://www.look-uk.org) Tel 0121 4285038

## **National Blind Children's Society**

NBCS offer advice and support on a range of areas including education, advocacy, ICT and sensory equipment and family support.

[www.nbcs.org.uk](http://www.nbcs.org.uk) Tel 01278 764 770

## **VICTA Children Ltd**

VICTA provides support to blind and partially sighted children, young people and their families.

[www.victa.org.uk](http://www.victa.org.uk) Tel 01908 240831

## **SIGN (Sheffield Information Giving Network)**

SIGN (Sheffield Information Giving Network) provides information to disabled children, young people and their families in Sheffield, as well as the professionals who support them.

[www.sheffinfolink.org.uk](http://www.sheffinfolink.org.uk) Tel 0114 2669476

## **Contact a family**

Contact a family is a charity which provides support, advice and information for families with disabled children.

[www.cafamily.org.uk](http://www.cafamily.org.uk) Tel 0808 808 3555 (free helpline)

## **Leisure and Recreation**

### **Sheffield Actionnaires**

Sheffield Actionnaires offer visually impaired children between the ages of 8 and 16 (Under 8s have to be accompanied by a parent) the chance to take part in sport, make friends, keep fit and have fun.

[www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk](http://www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk)

Tel 0800 915 4666 (Freephone)