**Who is in the vision Support Team?**

The vision support team has a number of specialist staff.

**Specialist Teachers** called *‘Qualified Teachers of the Visually Impaired’*. This means they are qualified teachers who have done another degree in Visual Impairment.

**Specialist Teaching Assistants** who have extra qualifications in Visual Impairments, Braille and in using computers and other technology to help your child.

**Paediatric Habilitation Officers** who offer specialist help in daily living skills and mobility.

**Why is it important to for the vision support team to see your child?**

The vision support team can help your child to learn at whatever level they need for their age. The team works with babies, no matter how young, to older teenagers to make sure that they can fully access the school curriculum, remove barriers to learning and become independent learners. The team also works with educational settings and teachers, to make sure the setting supports your child and their individual needs.

A lot of a child’s learning comes through vision. Therefore, early help with specialist support is particularly important for children with visual difficulties.

**What does the Vision Support Team do?**

The Vision Support Team helps a child to become independent and to learn. The bullet points below give a broad overview of the service.

* Specialist assessment

**Your vision support team contact:**

**Name :**

**Email :**

**Phone :**

* Specialist teaching
* Expert advice and information
* Practical support and guidance
* Liaison with other professionals
* Expertise in specialist training
* Expertise in specialist resources including equipment
* Expertise in monitoring progress and outcomes.