

Sensory Impairment Service

Top Tips for supporting children at home with vision impairment

Find a space for your child to work that is distraction free. If your child is engaging in activities ask them if they are in the best position and if they can see clearly. Please consider;

- Lighting- needs to be good but avoid glare
- colour, contrast and size of materials
- positioning

Read over your child's Functional Vision Assessment (FVA report) or contact your child's Qualified Teacher of Children with Vision Impairment (QTVI) for further advice

Access **Let's Play** for young children. [Let's Play](#)

Ensure any electronic equipment is kept in a safe place and fully charged.

For large print users remember to use magnification and voice over when using electronic devices.

Remember to access differentiated equipment such as rulers, pens, sloping board, low vision aids

If extra lighting is needed, the lamp should be placed to the rear and on the writing hand side. The light should not dazzle.

Your child may need a demonstration if learning a new skill. Break down the task into small steps and make your instructions clear.

Short, varied and frequent activities are better than fewer and longer. Take rest breaks between activities.

Please don't forget adapted materials can be accessed from:

- **RNIB BookShare:** <https://www.rnibbookshare.org/cms/>
If you need log-in details please e-mail sisit@northamptonshire.gov.uk to access details, guides and support.
- **Custom Eyes** and **Seeing Ear** are also good sources of large print reading books. They could be used to acquire large print versions of set texts for English.
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Useful communication sharing through **WhatsApp, Skype video calls or webchats, FaceTime, Zoom conference calls, Google Hangout, Microsoft Team etc**

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR QTVI FOR ADVICE OR SUPPORT