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For more information on support for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities look on the East Riding Local Offer www.eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk or speak to a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator in your child's school.

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The Effects of a Vision Impairment on Learning



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It has been estimated that 80% of school tasks are based on vision.

Children with a vision impairment may have difficulties with the following areas:

- Vision may be blurred or distorted. Near and distance vision may be affected
- Field of vision may be reduced
- Mobility may be reduced or restricted
- Depth perception may be impaired
- Difficulties with seeing specific colours.

Contributing Factors

- The age and onset of the eye condition
- Amount of early support by a specialist teacher of the vision impaired
- Parental and family attitudes
- Motivation levels of the child
- Teacher expectations
- General level of ability of the child
- Vision discomfort and fatigue.



General Considerations

- Development in the early years for a vision impaired child can be delayed
- Emotional and social development can be delayed as a child with a vision impairment will miss facial expressions and social cues
- They may need more time to respond to vision tasks and process information
- Work may need to be adapted and modified into large print or Braille
- Risk assessments will need to be completed within the school and outside areas
- Internal and external exams will need to be modified. The pupil will also require rest breaks and benefit from applications for extra time
- Children may require specialist equipment to support their needs and access their learning.