

VI Useful Resources

Grants and Funds
Family fund - Grants for families who are disabled or seriously ill
Victa - Grants and activities for children who have a visual impairment
Things to do
Blind Children UK - A national organisation providing activities and books and advice
Look UK - Mission to support young visually impaired people and their families to thrive. We do this through mentoring, transformational events, youth forums and parent support groups.
Royal society for Blind children (RSBC) - A national organisation offering a range of services including emotional support and practical advice for families, opportunities for children and young people to build confidence and skills through activities, and a specialist further education college.
Guide Dogs for the blind (https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/getting-support/help-for-children-and-families/) – A national organisation providing a range of services to support not only your child with sight loss, but the whole family. This includes equipping your child with the skills they need to live an independent and active life, to family events to connect with other families living with sight loss.
Things to read
RNIB Bookshare - Growing library of school textbooks - students can access a personalised collection of books and become members within their school
Accessible library - Growing library of fiction and school textbooks - students and families join in their own right
Calibre - Audio books to download or have delivered on a memory stick, for a one-off fee
RNIB - Services and shop for people who have a visual impairment. Free access to libraries of books in Braille, giant print and audio on their website
Living Paintings - Living Paintings is a charity that produces Touch to See books for blind and partially sighted people of all ages
Other Helpful links
RNIB - Helpline for people who have a visual impairment
Bemyeyes - A phone app which connects visually impaired and blind people with sighted people who can help them to see
Seeing AI - A phone app which connects visually impaired and blind people with sighted people who can help them to see
Bexley Social services https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/health-and-social-care
- mobility team for blue badge and Freedom pass
- social care