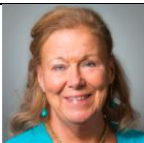


<u>Visual Impairment/Sight Loss</u> Where vision is affected and the individual sees things differently to those with typical vision. Visual Impairment can be temporary or permanent with the eye being affected in many different ways.		6 in every 10,000 children under 25 years old (0.2%) [1] 		
<u>Skills you may have:</u> • Super senses in hearing, taste and touch. • Remember things from hearing alone. • Great sense of humour and positive outlook on life. • Patience with yourself or others.		<u>Challenges you may face:</u> • Feeling confused or disorientated in new places. • Needing to feel connected to a place/space/safe person at all times. • Knowing how best to communicate the things you are finding difficult. • Needing to access recording methods which suit you best at all times.		
				
Kitty McGeever Actress	Ray Charles Pianist and Musician	Princess Christina of the Netherlands Princess, Singer and	Dr Abraham Nemeth Mathematician and Inventor	Matilda Ann Aston Writer, Poet and Teacher

		Music/Dance Therapist		
All these famous people overcame personal challenges with a visual impairment enabling them to succeed in their incredible career achievements.				
<u>Helpful Tips:</u>	• To build independence think about how to keep spaces clear for ease of movement around the home/school setting. • Practice familiar routes, commenting on textured landmarks along the route which can be felt. • Talk to your child about what helps them – everyone needs different adaptations to feel safe and comfortable. • Ensure anything your child is viewing is in the right font/braille format for them. • When going out for day trips, call ahead to find out how settings support access for people with a visual impairment.			
<u>Useful Websites (Hyperlinks)</u>	RNIB - See differently - Blindness and vision loss - NHS (www.nhs.uk) Blindness and vision impairment (who.int) [1] Children and young people with a visual impairment Great Ormond Street Hospital (gosh.nhs.uk) • If you have any ongoing concerns about your child, please contact the Special Educational Needs Coordinator at your child's setting (school, college or nursery) or contact your GP for further advice.			