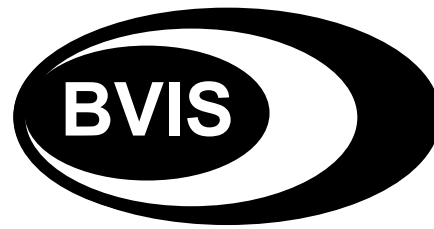




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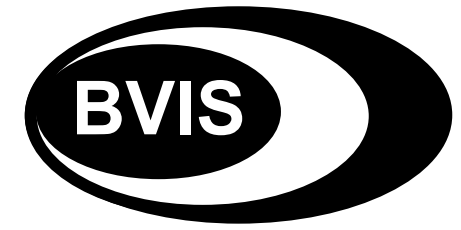
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Brent Vision Impairment Service

London Borough of Brent's
educational service for children and young
people with vision impairment

Aims of Service

BVIS aims to ensure that children and
young people who are partially sighted or
blind, with or without additional needs,
have equality of opportunity alongside
their fully sighted peers.



About us

BVIS is a centrally funded team of people who work across the London Borough of Brent. It comprises of:

- Advisory Teachers with a specialist qualification in teaching children and young people with a vision impairment.
- A Children’s Mobility and Independence Specialist who works with children and families to develop independent travel and life skills.
- A Resource Coordinator who trains and supports Teaching Assistants (TAs) across Brent and advises on the production of suitable materials for blind and partially sighted children and young people.



What we do: Early Years

- Carry out home visits
- Work alongside parents and carers
- Assess the child’s functional vision
- Offer ideas and suggestions
- Work with the child on specific skills
- Liaise with and work alongside other professionals
- Support transition to pre-school/school placements
- Produce reports



What we do: Schools

- Deliver in-service training
- Plan with teachers and TAs
- Contribute to target setting
- Advise on approaches and strategies
- Advise on adaptation of materials
- Advise on technology and monitor its use
- Advise on examinations and access arrangements, school trips and work experience
- Respond to queries/concerns and offer solutions
- Seek pupil and parent/carer feedback and act upon it
- Be involved in the recruitment of TAs
- Provide on-going training and support for school staff
- Teach specialist skills e.g. Braille
- Produce reports
- Contribute to Annual Reviews
- Mobility and independence training