

VI Team Newsletter

Summer 2025

We have had a busy few months here at the VI team! See our newsletter for what we have been up to and what we have coming up!

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Please let us know your good news stories or make suggestions for the next newsletter! You can also contact us with any enquiries at: visualimpairmentteam@rotherham.gov.uk

Parent sessions

- Parents coffee mornings will be held on 15th September and 24th November 9.30-10.30am. Topics for these to be confirmed in September.
- CVI training for parents will be on 1st October at 2pm at Kimberworth place

If you would like to book either of these sessions, please email us at:

visualimpairmentteam@rotherham.gov.uk

Parent survey



We would love to hear your views on our service to help shape the way we work. Please scan the QR code to complete your views.

Team updates:

- Our wonderful TA Sue had decided to retire after 20 years. We wish her all the best in her retirement and will miss her greatly!
- New TA Jade has recently joined us- she will be out to meet lots of our children over the coming weeks.
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We have been working hard to improve our service and has part of that have made some changes for the upcoming school year.

- Our teachers are moving towards a locality model. This means there have been a few changes to who your child's QTVI will be next year but QTVI'S will contact you around the time of their visit to let you know.
- We have made some minor changes to our eligibility for children who attend Rotherham Special schools, and/or those who are on our CVI programme. This may change the frequency of QTVI visits slightly. This will not, however, impact on pupil support overall. We are always here to support pupils and answer any questions or concerns.
- The timings of our reports has changed for some children to fit better with the academic year. You may get report sooner than expected or go a little longer but rest assured we are still supporting children in schools as always.

Any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Pupil social:

Our next pupil socials will be:

Tuesday 14th October (theme to be announced)

Tuesday 9th December (winter/Christmas themed)

Both events will be held at 4-5pm @ Kimberworth Place

This event is open to all VI pupils.

Pupils are to attend the session independently for children over 5, due to restricted space. Appropriate levels of staffing will be provided. Siblings are welcome!

Children aged 5 and under will need a parent to stay with them.

A parent's room is available in the next room with coffee and cake while you wait for your child.

This event is completely free!

Pupil socials

Look at the fun we have had on our last few sessions.....



What is Habilitation?

Lisa Waddington is our Habilitation Specialist

Good news stories:

- Lacey has finished her GCSE, it wasn't always easy but Lacey has tackled hurdles with true determination and did everybody proud to get through it!
- Harrison has completed his A-levels and is off to new ventures. Good luck with your next steps!
- Isla and Alice had a fabulous trip to celebrate the year 6's leaving for secondary. They were an absolute credit to us and school!
- Well done to Carly on graduating her QTVI course with a distinction after lots of hard work!
- Violet has come third in an ice skating competition, with only 20 minutes practise after kindly stepping in at the last minute. Well done Violet!
- Congratulations to Aliza for finishing the touch typing programme!
- Amazing news for Stevie who has passed her entry level 2 exams.
- Liam is off to college to start an internship with the NHS and has completed travel training with Lisa to get there- well done Liam!
- Aliza is now confident at using her braille alphabet! Amazing so quickly!
- Millie is now using her symbol cane when out with her family!

Congratulations to all our wonderful children on a successful 2024-25 school year!
We cannot wait to see them all back in September and hear all about their summer!

