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GENERAL INFORMATION LEAFLET

Basic Facts for Leaders

Visual Impairment



GENERAL FEATURES

- Inflamed, bloodshot eyes
- Rapid, involuntary eye movements
- Constant blinking, rubbing eyes
- Frequent headaches
- Clumsiness
- Poor balance
- Difficulty in copying things down

Areas of the BB programme which would present difficulty for the child or young person

ANCHORS

- Craft (cutting out etc.)
- Games (running around obstacles)
- Story (seeing pictures)

JUNIOR SECTION

- Badge work (copying, reading etc.)
- PE (mat work)
- Figure Marching (staying in formation)

COMPANY SECTION

- PE/Vaulting (box work)
- Badge Work (reading/writing)
- Drill (staying in formation)

USEFUL STRATEGIES

- Ensure the child or young person wears glasses at all times
- Place the child or young person at the front near the Leader
- Always give the child or young person their own copy of written text (never expect them to share)

When preparing resources remember

- Space out written work
- Enlarge print to **16 point** or **18 point**
- Try not to use italic or ornate scripts
- Lower case letters are easier to read

Please note these are general strategies. Each child or young person is unique. It is therefore important to speak to their parent(s) to gain individual relevant information

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON

- Highlight steps, stairs, edges with white strips
- Place transfers or stickers on glass
- Keep the hall free from clutter
- Have good, consistent lighting
- Allow the child or young person to be aware of sharp or dangerous objects i.e. scissors

USEFUL WEBSITES

Fighting Blindness www.fightingblindness.ie

Disability Advise Network www.boysbrigade.ie/dan