

Information Request

Re: List of schools in the borough that have facilities for visually impaired children, including independent schools but not special schools.

All schools in the borough, including independent schools, have access to a qualified teacher of the visually impaired who visits schools and advises teachers, Special Educational Needs Coordinators and support staff on individual pupils with visual impairment (VI). This work may also include individual teaching and/or training of pupils regarding learning Braille, touch-typing, mobility and use of low vision aids.

The table below gives an indication of schools whose current facilities and staff expertise promote inclusion of pupils with visual impairments (VI), although it is the borough's policy to support the inclusion of all VI pupils in their chosen local schools, where possible, with the provision of appropriate equipment and staff training.

The column headed 'VI Pupils' indicates those schools which currently have one or more VI pupils or have had one in the recent past. The staff who have had direct contact with the VI pupils in these schools will therefore have a heightened level of awareness and understanding of the needs of these pupils.

The 'Trained Staff' column refers to teachers or teaching assistants who have attended or who are currently attending borough or school INSET sessions or RNIB courses relating to the needs of VI pupils.

'Environmental Audit' refers to schools that have been assessed for their accessibility for VI pupils and which have acted upon recommendations arising from such audits.

Schools which have interactive whiteboards have been listed (one tick = a few classrooms, two ticks = most or all classrooms) as these significantly enhance access to board work for VI pupils. It has not been possible to audit all schools concerning this provision, so schools which have not been ticked may well have some classrooms with interactive whiteboards.

Schools which house a CCTV have also been listed, although in primary schools these are based in the classrooms of the VI pupils to whom they have been allocated and are therefore not accessible to pupils in other classes. In high schools, CCTVs are normally positioned in open areas such as libraries, which are accessible to a number of pupils.

Additionally, Durdans Park Primary School has resources for Braille learners and users, including Braille embossing equipment. This school also employs a Braille Instructor who holds the RNIB Braille Certificate and has successfully completed the RNIB's Partners in Learning course for teaching assistants.

Greenford High School has 4 pupils with VI and is fast becoming a centre of excellence in meeting the needs of such pupils. Two teaching assistants are currently attending the RNIB's Partners in Learning course. There is also a 'Flipper Panel' in this school, which is a portable piece of equipment that provides magnification for both near and distance viewing.

The IT suite at Elthorne Park High School has the Supernova screen reader and magnifier software networked on all its computers.

School	VI Pupils	Trained Staff	Environmental Audit	Interactive Whiteboards	CCTV
Allenby Primary		✓			
Beaconsfield Primary					
Berrymede Infant					
Berrymede Junior					
Blair Peach Primary					
Brentside Primary					
Christ Church CE Junior					
Clifton Primary	✓	✓	✓	✓ ✓	
Coston Primary	✓		✓	✓	
Dairy Meadow Primary					
Derwentwater Primary					
Dormers Wells Infant	✓				
Dormers Wells Junior					
Downe Manor Primary					
Drayton Green Primary					
Durdans Park Primary	✓	✓	✓	✓ ✓	✓
East Acton Primary					
Edward Betham CE Primary	✓				
Featherstone Primary	✓				
Fielding Primary					
Gifford Primary				✓ ✓	
Grange Primary	✓				✓
Greenwood Primary	✓	✓			✓
Hambrough Primary					
Hathaway Primary					

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Havelock Primary	✓				
Hobbayne Primary					
Horsenden Primary	✓			✓ ✓	
John Perryn Primary					
Lady Margaret Primary		✓			
Little Ealing Primary	✓			✓	
Mayfield Primary					
Montpelier Primary					
Mount Carmel RC Primary	✓		✓	✓	
North Primary					
North Ealing Primary	✓				
Northolt Primary					
Oaklands Primary					
Oldfield Primary					
Our Lady of the Visitation RC Primary					
Perivale Primary					
Petts Hill Primary					
Ravenor Primary	✓			✓ ✓	
St Anselm RC Primary					
St Gregory RC Primary	✓			✓	
St John Fisher RC Primary	✓				
St John's Primary					
St Joseph RC Primary	✓			✓	
St Mark's Primary			✓		

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St Saviour's CE Infant					
St Vincent RC Primary					
Selborne Primary	✓	✓	✓		
Southfield Primary					
Stanhope Primary					
Three Bridges Primary					
Tudor Primary					
Vicar's Green Primary					
Viking Primary					
West Acton Primary					
West Twyford Primary	✓			✓ ✓	
Willow Tree Primary	✓			✓ ✓	
Wolf Fields Primary					
Wood End Infant					
Wood End Junior					
Acton High				✓	
Brentside High	✓			✓	
The Cardinal Wiseman RC High	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Dormers Wells High	✓			✓	
Drayton Manor High				✓	
The Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls	✓			✓	
Elthorne Park High	✓	✓		✓	
Featherstone High	✓		✓	✓	
Greenford High	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Notting Hill and Ealing High	✓			✓	
Twyford CE High	✓			✓	
West London Academy	✓			✓	✓