



HELPFUL HOME LEARNING HINTS FOR **TEACHING CHILDREN WITH A** **VISUAL IMPAIRMENT**



Here are some simple and useful ways in which you can help your child to learn to the best of their ability whilst working at home. These tips include things that you can easily manage in the home environment to create the best space for your child to learn. If you require any further information about any of these tips, please contact your child's teacher through the weekly calls with staff or via your child's class parent email address.

- 1) Ensure that your child is wearing their glasses before starting an activity.
- 2) Provide a distraction-free environment by turning off the television, radio or any appliances that make a noise around the home.
- 3) If your child has a clear place to work that is appropriate for your child's needs e.g. at a table or seated on the floor. To help your child's visual discrimination, provide a dark background for any resources being used e.g. large piece of black card or a plain dark table cloth.
- 4) Try not to show your child too many things at once as it can be difficult for them to process. Present one object/resource at a time, close to their face to allow them to process it in their own time.
- 5) Make sure that the resources being used are big and clear enough for your child to see properly e.g. symbols may need to be enlarged or printed onto a coloured paper if their condition requires it.
- 6) Put the resources clearly in their functional field of vision. If your child cannot see with their peripheral vision, present resources directly in front of them.