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The Vision Impairment Team continue to work from home on your children and young people's behalf. We are available for telephone/email support Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (see details at the bottom of this newsletter)

### Clear Vision Tactile Books

Books can be sent to children at home during the current situation.

The Grade of Braille required and the child's interests can be stated when requesting loans.



Please email [info@clearvisionproject.org](mailto:info@clearvisionproject.org) with requests or for further information

### FREE BRAILLE BOOKS (for UK residents)

The Scottish Braille Press have very kindly made all of the Braille titles on their website completely free for all UK residents. To order your free book(s), [click here to browse titles](#). Click the "claim your free Braille book now" button, and fill in the form. You can add up to five book titles to your order.

**Optolec/Enhanced Vision** provide a short video:

[Apple VoiceOver Quick Review](#) shows how easy accessibility on iOS (Apple) devices can be.

**Southwark Educational Psychology Service** have produced a document aimed at helping schools to ease pupils' transition back to school:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/15pmexdc9agxM\\_Ca\\_v3GupjnrWDPpkyYtK/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15pmexdc9agxM_Ca_v3GupjnrWDPpkyYtK/view)

### Ideas for children with additional/complex needs

Tac-pacs provide multisensory activities through touch and music. **Free for the month of June:**

<https://www.tacpac.co.uk/news/free-access-to-set-5>

**At the checkout enter code: 8Q7A3TXS**

### Creating a Calm Space



Hannah Burnley and Suzanne Little share their ideas for creating a calm space at home. Click on the PDF below



**Family Fund:** The Government has announced that the Family Fund will receive funding of £37.3m in 2020-21. This includes £10m which has been allocated to help families in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Family Fund provides grants to families on low incomes who have disabilities or severe medical conditions. You can find out more about the Family Fund here:

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>



**Ideas for helping your children and young people to keep fit. Why not join in with them?!**

- <https://britishblindsport.org.uk/stay-in-work-out/>
- Audio PE lessons <https://www.blindalive.com/> The links on this site may not open – try: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSJCXbR\\_C7IztG4us-8Hjw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSJCXbR_C7IztG4us-8Hjw)
- PE workouts for VI children <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Yw9PoxF2F0&list=PLVSyGnbH4Te9PUrOM18RsoIFAwuonbCrE&index=2>

**Vision England are holding 6 night residentials for 11-17 year olds with visual impairment on various dates this summer. Cost: £25**

For more information: 07816 599 260 or [www.visionengland@sense.org.uk](http://www.visionengland@sense.org.uk)

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for education related queries: anyone working in early years through to universities, plus parents  
0800 046 8687  
8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)  
[DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

**Mental wellbeing advice for young people in Southwark: Young people aged 13–25 can get free and confidential mental wellbeing advice and support from a new service called The Nest. Support is available online and on the phone. 020 8138 1805 (freephone)**

### **Ideas/Suggestions**

If you would like any further information or wish to share resources with other families, please get in touch and we can include these in future newsletters

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