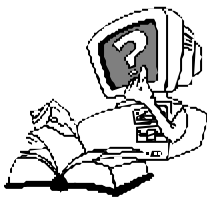


Safety Considerations for the Visually Impaired Boy

- 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 boy to be aware of sharp or dangerous objects i.e. scissors



Useful Website:

www.rnib.org.uk

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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 Boy

ANCHOR BOY

- 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 Classes (reading/writing)
- Drill (staying in formation)

USEFUL STRATEGIES

- ensure child wears glasses at all times
- place him at the front near the Officer
- Always give him his own copy of written text (never expect him 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 boy is unique. It is therefore important to speak to his parent(s) to gain individual relevant information