

**SEND Sensory Service**

**Newcastle Children’s Vision Team**

## Additionally Resourced Provision for Visual Impairment

Regent Farm First School

Regent Farm have a remote and blended learning protocol which ensures high quality educational delivery during any long term school closures.

**Mainstream class teachers will**

* Use the SeeSaw online learning platform (and Tapestry for EYFS) to provide electronic curriculum activities matched to the age range and learning objectives which will mirror work that would have been done in school.
* Provide pre-recorded online lessons which will be accessible to CYP with VI.

**Specialist VI ARP staff will**

* Day 1 - VIARP staff to phone parents/carers to ensure they are aware of the closure and have liaised with SEN transport to ensure safe travel plans to return home have been put in place if required
* Day 1 - VIARP staff to signpost parents/carers to school website for up-to-date information about the closure and the school's online offer
* Day 2 - VIARP staff to phone home to check children can access SeeSaw
* Support families of CYP with VI to select the appropriate accessibility options (Windows ‘Ease of Access’ or tablet settings) on devices at home. This will enable CYP with VI to complete the same activities as their class peers.
* Prepare modified enlarged copies of work for CYP without access to online learning.
* Provide tactile and brailled versions of activities for tactile learners.
* Deliver learning resources to families as necessary.
* Maintain at least weekly contact with parents/carers to ensure CYP have access to learning, and to provide any advice and further support if required.
* If routinely involved with CYP, the Habilitation Specialist will remain in contact with families and visit at home as appropriate.
* Ensure consideration is given to children with a visual impairment, when plans are agreed for the reopening of the school. Follow Council’s guidance on arrangements for children classed as ‘vulnerable’ or who have EHCP.
* End of first week back - VIARP staff to contact parents/carers to ensure it has been a smooth transition back into school.