

# The categories of Vision Loss

## **Sensory, Physical and Medical Team: complementary guidance document**

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The range of vision loss is divided into the following categories;

- 1) Mild Vision loss
  - within the range 6/12 – 6/18 Snellen/Kay (LogMAR 0.3 – 0.48)

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- 2) Moderate vision loss
  - less than 6/18 - 6/36 Snellen/Kay (LogMAR 0.5 – 0.78)

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- 3) Severe vision loss
  - less than 6/36 – 3/60 Snellen/Kay, (LogMAR 0.8 – 1.3)

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- 4) Profound vision loss
  - less than 3/60 Snellen/Kay(LogMAR 1.32+) ,

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### The Various types and causes of Vision Loss

- Hereditary – eg syndromes, albinism
- Congenital – eg viral infection, drugs
- Premature birth – eg retinopathy of prematurity
- Accident – eg loss of eye, damage to brain
- Illnesses – eg stroke, measles, cancer.

If a child or young person has a diagnosis of visual impairment from an Ophthalmologist, including a diagnosis of cerebral visual impairment (CVI), they will, following referral, have received assessment, specific advice and support from a qualified teacher of visually impaired from the NYCC Inclusion Support Services Team.