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# Orthoptists

**- experts in assessing visual function**

Children with learning disabilities are 28 times more likely to have a serious sight problem than other children and require specialist assessments.\*







## Eye care for children with special educational needs



**4 in 10 pupils have no history of sight tests or eye care\***

## Common eye problems in children with special educational needs



-  Strabismus - misalignment of the eyes
-  Amblyopia - disorder preventing normal development
-  Cerebral visual impairment - brain problem affecting how children use their vision and interpret what they see
-  Eye movement disorders - conditions such as nystagmus (constant moving eyes) can significantly impair visual function

**Orthoptists assess, diagnose and treat these and other conditions**