



## Sensory & Communication Service

The Sensory and Communication Service works with pre-school settings, schools and colleges to deliver support following diagnosis to children and young people aged 0-25 with identified sensory loss. Our team covers 4 areas: Visual, Hearing, Multi-Sensory impairment and Speech, Language & Communication Needs.

Our **core service** works with families and educational settings to ensure all children and young people have effective access and inclusion to both learning and social opportunities. As part of our core service we can deliver training aimed at either whole school approaches or based around an individual child or young person's needs.

We are able to deliver bespoke training packages as part of our **traded service** upon request. This also includes training provision around technical support.

### **Hiccups' and 'Vizz Kidz'**

These are both groups for pre-school children and their families. They are run on an informal drop-in basis and provide pre-school social interaction opportunities for families to chat with others and share their experiences.

### **MSI Group**

This is a school-based group allowing children from across the county to access social interaction opportunities with peers. This group models teaching and communication strategies for other education practitioners by invitation.



For more information about this and our specialist resource provisions across the county, please contact:

#### **Visual Impairment**

Jonathan Bolt, Lead Advisory Teacher for Visually Impairment Children  
[jonathan.bolt@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.bolt@suffolk.gov.uk)

#### **Hearing Impairment**

Sara Brierton, Lead Education Consultant Hearing Impairment  
[sara.brierton@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sara.brierton@suffolk.gov.uk)

#### **Speech Language & Communication**

Caroline Wells, Education Consultant Speech, Language & Communication  
[caroline.wells2@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.wells2@suffolk.gov.uk)

#### **Multi Sensory Impairment**

Kim Hodge, Lead Consultant for Deafblind CYP  
[kim.hodge@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:kim.hodge@suffolk.gov.uk)