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National Education Centre for Blind Children

The Educational Tradition of ChildVision



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- How we got to where we are now
- What we do
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About us



Ireland's only educational facility for blind and partially sighted children and young people

Who we are



- We have been helping blind children in Ireland for over 100 years.
- At ChildVision every child who is blind or visually impaired with other multiple disabilities is encouraged to achieve everything they can.
- Based in Drumcondra, Dublin.
- We work with families all over Ireland.

Who we help

- We provide education and therapeutic intervention to blind and visually impaired children in Ireland.
- Many of our students have other disabilities - MDVI.
- We work with 800 families throughout the country.





How we got to now



- 1859 St Joseph's Asylum for Blind Men founded by Carmelites
 - Workshops built 1905 - 15
- 1910 National School for Blind Boys
 - First examples of special education
- 1955 Transfer to Rosminian Order
 - Antonio Rosmini: Learning must develop the whole person.
 - Crucial to holistic personal development.
- Intellectual Development
- Physical Development
- Moral Development
- Spiritual Development
- Aesthetic Development

How we got to now

- 1960 Building of St Joseph's Primary School
 - Designated school for boys from all over Ireland
 - Dormitories, termly boarding
- 1970 Second level Education
- 1983 Pobalscoil Rosmini
 - First integrated school for children (boys) with a disability in Ireland

How we got to now

1995 onwards

- Weekly boarding
- Closing dormitories – houses
- New services
 - Vocational Education, Support Services Centre, Preschool
- Co-Education
 - Vocational Education, Preschool, St Joseph's Primary School for the Visually Impaired, Pobalscoil Rosmini

How we got to now

- Development of support services
- Range of needs
 - Students with a visual impairment only to students with increasingly complex additional needs

What we do

1. Pre-school / Early Intervention
2. Cork Service
3. The Learning Tree
4. St Joseph's Primary School
 - Designated School
5. Pobalscoil Rosmini
 - Integrated Post-primary
6. Vocational Education
7. Residential Houses



Pre-school



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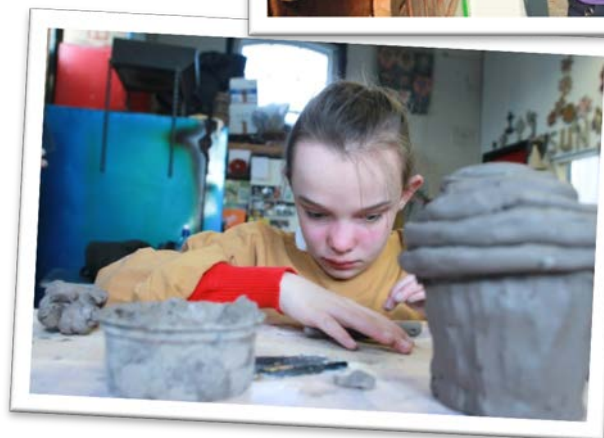
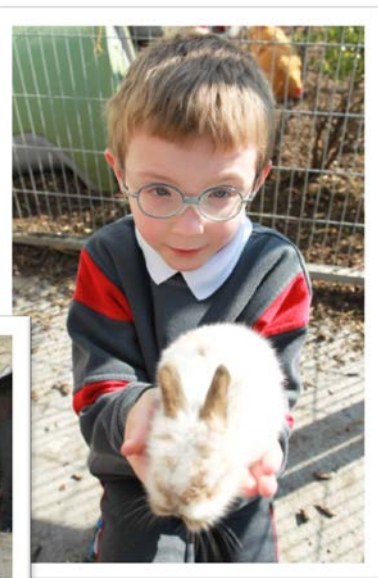


St Joseph's Primary School for the Visually Impaired

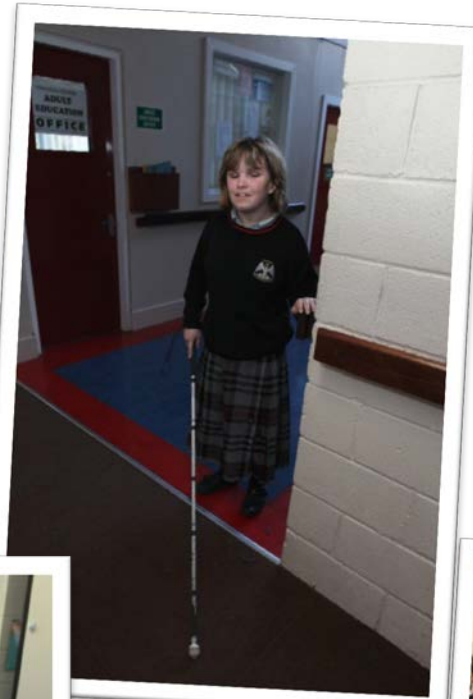


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Pobail Scoil Rosmini



Vocational Education



Residential



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What we do



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7. Multidisciplinary Assessment Service

8. Therapies

Speech and Language Therapy

Occupational Therapy

Physiotherapy

Orientation & Mobility

9. Eye Clinic/ Low Vision Clinic

10. Nursing

11. Braille Production

12. Family Resource

13. Horticulture

14. Equine & Animal Assisted Therapy

15. Training & Development

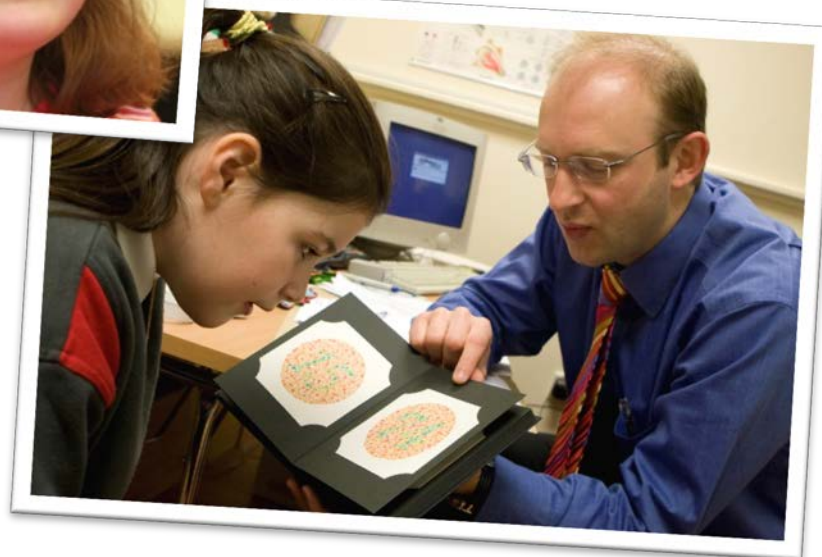


Therapies



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Family Resource



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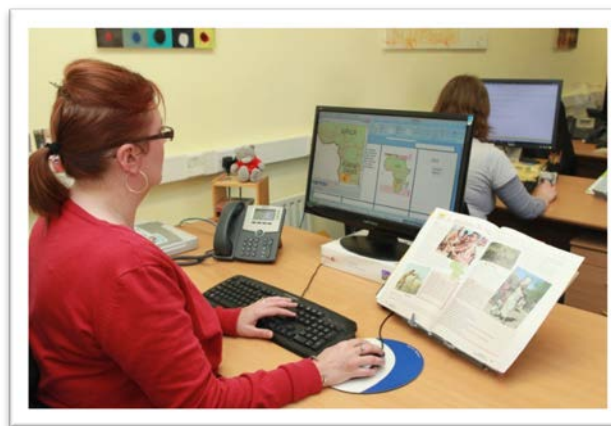


Braille



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Challenges

- Children with increasingly complex needs
- Readiness / enabling / preparing children for learning
- Multidisciplinary approach
- Staffing levels
- Staff knowledge and skillsets
- Physical environment
- Learning materials
- Funding
- Time



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