



**Childhood Eye Conditions**

9 October 2020 10.00-12.30

Dr Andrew Blaikie

* **Cost**

Westminster state-funded schools and settings:

Independent and out of borough schools and settings:

£15 to all.

**Online payment only**

* **Venue**

Access and Inclusion Centre, Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Kennet Road, London, W9 3LG. An online webinar.

* **Target audience:**

QTVIs, Class Teachers, LSAs & TAs, Early Years practitioners, parents, medical professionals, OTs, Physios, and all other professionals with an interest.

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There are over 80 different eye conditions causing a wide range of eyesight difficulties, affecting central or peripheral vision, eye movements and even the way the brain handles and processes information of a visual nature. Each of these conditions has a different effect on a child and the way they access their education.

We are very pleased to welcome the prestigious Dr Andrew Blaikie to this online training seminar on 9 October. He will lead a series of talks with questions on eye conditions and how they affect a child’s learning.

Dr Andrew Blaikie is a Consultant Ophthalmologist in NHS Fife and Senior Lecturer in the Infection and Global Health Research Division team at the University of St Andrews. He has studied, worked and taught throughout Africa and was lead for paediatric ophthalmology at CCBRT Hospital in Dar es Salaam in 2011. He is currently a member of the Vision 2020 WHO links partnerships in Malawi and Indonesia and sits on the Strategy Panel for the Christian Blind Mission Scotland. His main clinical and academic interests are in early diagnosis of childhood cataract and retinoblastoma as well as screening for diabetic retinopathy and retinopathy of prematurity. This is through the development, implementation and evaluation of low cost diagnostic tools tailored to the needs of users in low and middle-income countries. While working in Tanzania he developed an interest in Tanzanian Endemic Optic Neuropathy. He now leads a team of researchers from the UK and Tanzania in seeking to understand the cause of this disease with the hope of finding a treatment. Within the NHS Dr Blaikie has been instrumental in setting up support groups and national datasets for childhood visual impairment. He has led the establishment of the National Notification system for Childhood Visual Impairment being the lead for the data group of the Visual Impairment Network for Children and Young People (VINCYP). He is also an advisor to CVI Scotland. His main interests are cerebral visual impairment and neuro-ophthalmic disease in both children and adults and their associations with deprivation.

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