

Braille

Braille is a tactile reading system for the blind or the visually impaired, it is a system of raised dots arranged in cells.

Any combination of one to six dots may be raised within a cell conveys to the reader the letter, word, number or symbol the cell represents.

There are 64 possible combinations of raised dots with a single cell.

Braille is available in two different grades, grade 1 and grade 2.

Grade 1 Braille

Grade 1 Braille means each possible arrangement of dots within a cell represents only one letter, number or punctuation. It is used mainly by those who are new to learning braille.

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Grade 2 Braille

Grade 2 braille means a cell can represent a shortened form of a word. Many cell combinations represent common words. There are also part word contractions

Within the Sensory Impaired Resource we currently have a pupil who accesses the national curriculum by braille, which means we braille the text that the other pupils are working on and we transcribe the brailled work the pupil has completed in lessons. Alongside this we are teaching the pupil all the available contractions, to do this we timetable in braille lessons which are delivered in the Sensory Impaired Resource.

The Sensory Impaired Resource also runs a Braille club for all the pupils who are interested in learning Braille.