**Condition Name:** Anophthalmia

**Description:** Absence of one or both eyes which may result from genetic or chromosome abnormalities or unknown factors. Eyes have almost completely failed to grow – may affect one or both eyes- where only one eye is absent the other eye may also be smaller than normal which can lead to other associated conditions, glaucoma, cataracts. In some cases other parts of the face have not grown correctly resulting in cleft palate. Learning difficulties can sometimes occur along with Anophthalmia. Prosthetic (artificial) implants may be worn which also help the face grow.

**Effects on Vision:** In rare cases even though there does not appear to be an eye present a small part may have grown giving the student limited ability to see bright lights or shapes even if skin covers the orbit. Where eyes are completely absent there will be no light perception at all.

**Educational implications:** Student will most probably be a tactile learner; and will need considerable support in all areas of the expanded core curriculum. Routine is important to establish good sleeping patterns.