**Eye Condition Snippet**

**Condition Name:** Microphthalmia

**Description:** The eye does not grow to its full size and may result from genetic or chromosome abnormalities or unknown factors. May affect one or both eyes, glaucoma is an associated condition.

**Effects on Vision:** The degree of vision loss depends on the severity of the abnormality in each eye. Where the eye has almost completely failed to grow properly visual impairment can be severe. As the eyes are small it is very likely the student will be long sighted, corrective glasses will have the side effect of making the eyes appear larger as long sighted spectacles have a magnifying effect. In severe cases contact lenses or shells may be appropriate; they have a cosmetic effect but can also let some light through to allow the student to benefit from light perception.

**Educational implications:** Student will most probably be a tactile learner; and will need considerable support in all areas of the expanded core curriculum.