SEN ICT Related Links

The Ace Centre

BECTA - Becta leads the national drive to inspire and lead the effective and innovative use of technology throughout learning.

Find A Voice

Talking Point

The Disability Discrimination Act

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (now The Department for Education)

Resources

The resources section contains a range of documents, resources and guides about the use of ICT to support SEN. All of the materials within the resources section have been externally created.

Publications

Download publications by clicking on the links below:

- **Teachernet** - a central location for all publications relating to the Department for Education
- **Becta "Making Software Accessible: A Guide for Schools"**
- **"I want to choose too"** - a resource for teachers and others for including primary school age pupils with little or no speech in decision-making.
- **"Messages"** - Participation in Education Project; messages from primary school age pupils with little or no verbal communication.
- **"Exploring Access"** - how to audit your school environment, focusing on the needs of pupils who have visual impairment.
- **"One of the Class"** - designed to assist staff in mainstream secondary schools in providing full curriculum access for blind and partially sighted pupils.

- **"Well Prepared"** - alternative methods for displaying information to pupils with a range of additional needs.

Software Suppliers and Discounts

Some of the key adaptations include:

- Switch use
- Auditory feedback
- Visual and auditory scanning
- Colour change
- Size, clarity and contrast of font
- Layout and spacing
- Size and choice of pictures and symbols.

For further information about software adaptations, please see the Becta booklet **"Making software accessible: A guide for schools."**

Click on the item below for a summary of the software and purchasing details.

- **Boardmaker**
- **Clicker 5**
- **Clicker Books**
- **Clicker Paint**
- **Clicker Phonics**
- **ClozePro**
- **Communicate by Choice**
- **Communicate in Print**
- **Communicate: Symwriter**
- **Co:Writer**
- **Dragon Naturally Speaking**
- **Grid 2**
- **Hal**

- **Inspiration**
- **Izoom**
- **JAWS**
- **Jigworks**
- **Kar2ouche Social Communiation**
- **Kidspiration**
- **Lightening**
- **Lunar**
- **Magnus**
- **MAGic**
- **Penfriend XP**

- **Penfriend XL**
- **Supernova**
- **Textease**
- **Widgit Literacy Symbols**
- **Widgit VI Symbols**
- **Windbag**
- **WriteOnline**
- **Zoom Text**

Please note: When buying software, school need to consider its versatility and adaptability for use by different pupils. There needs to be opportunities to trial alternative approaches - such as simple speech output devices. Worksheets should be available electronically to allow for alternative formatting and access. Many pieces of software can be adapted for individual needs.

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Hardware

A table listing specialist ICT equipment to support SEN		
Equipment	**Cost**	**Supplier**
Height Adjustable Whiteboard Trolley	£1149.00	Loxit Loxit Limited Tel: 01625 572233 **www.loxit.com**
Height Adjustable Furniture	Various	Vari-TECH Tel: 01254 678777 **www.vari-tech.co.uk**
Height Adjustable Furniture	Various	Community Playthings Tel: 0800387 457 **www.communityplaythings.co.uk**
Equipment and software to support	Various	Sight and Sound Technology

Visual Impairment		Tel: 0845 634 7979 Email: sales@sightandsound.co.uk www.sightandsound.co.uk
Writing Slope - The PAW Board (prone-angled writing)	£30 approx	The Sunshine Company Tel: 08707 661464 **www.thesunshinecompany.co.uk** and Back in Action Tel: 020 7930 8309 **www.backinaction.co.uk**
Alternative keyboards and keyguards	Various	Inclusive Technology Tel: 01457 819799 **www.inclusive.co.uk**
Promethean Whiteboard		Promethean Tel: 01254 298598 **www.prometheanworld.com**