

Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

This list of SEND resources has been developed with a focus on accessibility and inclusivity and is based on the recommendations of:

- **trusted organisations**
- **charities**
- **multi-academy trusts**
- **special education headteachers**

The vast majority of the resources on this list are suitable for both parents and teachers to use in supporting the home learning of children and young people with SEND.

We encourage parents, teachers and schools to explore beyond this list to identify what support is best for their children and pupils with SEND.

SEND: apps and games

(Apps must be downloaded onto a compatible device)

Brain Parade

Website:

<http://www.brainparade.com/products/see-touch-learn-free/>

Description: a visual instruction app, including flash cards and picture-choosing games, for children with autism and special needs.

HelpKidzLearn

Website: <https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/>

Description: a collection of games and resources designed for a range of educational needs and stages. It includes provision for school closure.

Sensory App House Ltd

Website: <https://www.sensoryappphouse.com/>

Description: a range of apps are available for pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) or Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD). All are interactive and many do not require significant coordination abilities.

Visuals2Go

Website: <https://www.visuals2go.com/>

Description: an all-in-one app created to support people with communication and learning difficulties. For verbal and non-verbal learners.

SEND: online, downloadable and printable resources

Active Learn Primary

Website: <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/>

Description: the Rapid Reading and Rapid Phonics programmes focus on accelerating progress in reading skills for pupils with

dyslexia and with low levels of literacy. Designed for teachers, but suitable for parents too.

Registration: is required

Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

Website:

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/11160/supporting-schools-and-colleges.pdf>

Description: a downloadable guide to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of pupils and students during periods of disruption. Designed for teachers, but suitable for parents too.

Registration: not required

Charles Dickens Primary

Website: <http://www.charlesdickens.southwark.sch.uk/>

Description: the Jenny Wren Virtual School SEN Hub offers daily lessons for pupils with moderate learning difficulties, focusing on Makaton and a daily activity to complete with a parent or teacher.

Registration: not required

Do2Learn (USA)

Website: <https://do2learn.com/>

Description: a range of downloadable resources grouped by theme. Themes include: social skills, songs and games, and picture cards.

Registration: not required

Inclusive Teach

Website:

<https://inclusiveteach.com/free-printable-sen-teaching-resources/>

Description: downloadable and printable accessible teaching resources for parents and teachers to support pupils with a range of SEND needs, including Autism, PMLD, SLCN, MLD, SLD

Registration: not required

PMLD thematic units – from the Northern Ireland Curriculum

Website:

http://www.nicurriculum.org.uk/curriculum_microsite/SEN_PMLD_thematic_units/index.asp

Description: comprehensive guidance on themed activities for learners with PMLD. A full sensory curriculum is offered. More suitable for teachers, but activities and resources will be useful for parents too.

Registration: not required

Priory Woods School

Website:

<http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/page/?title=Resources&pid=3>

Description: resources from an award-winning, innovative school, rated by Ofsted as outstanding and put together by

SEND teachers for parents and teachers. The resources include apps and programmes.

Registration: not required

School Cloud

Website:

<https://www.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/features-video-meetings.asp>

Description: a secure online video call service to connect pupils, parents and teachers. Potential use might include pupils with SEND and/or their parents having a weekly video call with a SENCo to monitor their progress with home learning.

Registration: is required

SEND Gateway

Website:

<https://www.sendgateway.org.uk/whole-school-send/find-wss-resources/nqt-videos.html>

Description: guidance videos created in collaboration with the Centre for Education and Youth (CfEY) to increase the knowledge and awareness of a range of SEND conditions. Aimed at newly qualified teachers but also provides helpful resources and tips that will be useful for parents.

Registration: not required

SENict Activities

Website:

<https://www.ianbean.co.uk/senict-members-resource-portal>

Description: downloadable activities aimed particularly at learners with PMLD, SLD and those who are learning to use assistive technology to access the curriculum. Suitable for parents and teachers.

Registration: not required

SEN Teacher

Website: <https://www.senteacher.org/>

Description: downloadable and printable resources that can be adapted to suit the needs of pupils. Resources are aimed at a range of abilities. Website has over 300,000 regular users and is suitable for both parents and teachers.

Registration: not required

Speech and Language Kids

Website:

<https://www.speechandlanguagekids.com/free-speech-language-resources/>

Description: an extensive range of education and therapy resources for parents and teachers of children with speech and language problems. A podcast is also available on iTunes for verbal and non-verbal children.

Registration: not required

Speech Link Multimedia Ltd

Website: <https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

Description: a parent portal with links to downloadable resources, activities and games developed by a team of speech and language therapists and software engineers who work with over 4,000 schools in the UK.

Registration: not required

Teaching Students with Visual Impairments

Website: <https://www.teachingvisuallyimpaired.com/>

Description: a range of downloadable resources and instructional strategies to support blind and visually impaired pupils. Suitable for parents and teachers.

Registration: is required

The Autism Page

Website: <https://www.theautismpage.com/>

Description: online support and information aimed at supporting parents with young autistic children. Information and ideas to support the implementation of autism specific teaching methods.

Registration: not required

UCL Centre for Inclusive Education

Website:

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-and-centres/centres/centr>

[e-inclusive-education/homeschooling-children-send/managing-transition-home-schooling](#)

Description: a guide to help parents adjust to remote learning by providing advice and links to resources.

Registration: not required

Other resources

There are other resources available. [BESA's LendEd website](#) and the [EdTech Impact website](#), for example, include varied resources that teachers already use and rate within the websites.

These have not been verified by DfE's educational experts but we have included them on the list because they also cover other areas of the curriculum that are not covered above.

Sound Discovery® Phonics

Websites: www.syntheticphonics.net

[Rapid reading e-books and resources](#)

Key stages: nursery to key stage 1. Key stage 2 and key stage 3 pupils learning to read.

Description: advice, activities, videos, lesson plans and sample pages for reading, spelling and handwriting. Access to Rapid Phonics e-books and resources.

Registration: not required for Sound Discovery® videos and sample pages. Required for Pearson via school to access Rapid Phonics e-books.

Sounds-Write

Website: www.sounds-write.co.uk/

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 1. Key stage 2 and key stage 3 pupils learning to read.

Description: online courses and videos for parents, IWB resources, activity workbooks and games.

Registration: not required

English: key stage 3

Audible

Website: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Key stages: key stage 3 and key stage 4

Description: all children's audiobooks are available for free while schools are closed.

Registration: not required

English Mastery

Website: <https://www.englishmastery.org/>

Key stages: key stage 3

Description: downloadable resource books providing 12 weeks of activities covering writing and poetry.

Registration: not required

English and Media Centre

Website: <https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/publications/>

Key stages: key stage 3 and key stage 4

Description: downloadable resources covering a range of texts for key stage 3. GCSE resources are categorised by examination board.

Registration: not required

Pobble 365

Website: <https://www.pobble365.com/>

Key stages: key stage 3 and key stage 4

Description: a new image is published each day as a basis for creative writing. Story starters, questions and drawing ideas are provided

Registration: not required

Poetry by Heart

Website: <https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/>

Key stages: key stage 3 and key stage 4

Description: A wide selection of poetry covering different topics.

Registration: not required to view poems, but it is required to access teaching resources.

Seneca

Website: <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

Key stages: key stage 3, key stage 4 and key stage 5

Description: a range of downloadable resources covering the GCSE curriculum, categorised by examination board.

Registration: not required

The Children's Poetry Archive

Website: <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

Key stages: key stage 3 and key stage 4

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Registration: not required

The Day newsletter

Website: <https://theday.co.uk/subscriptions/the-day-home>

Key stages: key stage 3, key stage 4 and key stage 5

Description: a daily newsletter for parents and carers at home with children, helping to enrich learning with real-world knowledge and skills.

Registration: is required

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St. Peter's School

Website:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM5pEwawjIZt69qmczAiQvg/playlists>

Key stages: early years foundation stage, key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: YouTube videos covering phonics, reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar

Registration: not required

Storytime with Nick

Website:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDe74j1F52zQ51fqNpKV07E71knNI8HFn>

Key stages: early years foundation stage and key stage 1

Description: films of well-loved stories read by Nick Cannon, a trained actor, teacher and trainer available Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 2pm.

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