

# Government Resources for children with special educational needs for parents and teachers

## 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.sensoryapphouse.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](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.parentseveningsystem.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/centre-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.