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Communication and technology resources – access from home.

The sections below are hardware and software used in Beaumont College. For further advice or support please ring 01524 541432 or email technologists@beaumontcollege.ac.uk

Signing

Makaton – Sign of the week, online classes, video resources, inspiring ideas.

<https://wetalkmakaton.org/>

Electronic Communication

If you use an electronic communication aid the best source of support for hardware and software issues will be the company who makes it. The main companies are:

Smartbox (Grid 3 and Grid for iPad) – info@thinksmartbox.com 01684 578868

<https://thinksmartbox.com>

Liberator (Accent devices) – info@liberator.co.uk 01733 370470 <https://liberator.co.uk>

Assistiveware (Proloquo2Go) – info@assistiveware.com <https://www.assistiveware.com/contact>

TherapyBox (Scene and Heard) - info@therapy-box.co.uk 020 8749 3474 <https://www.therapy-box.co.uk/>

If you have questions about the content of the language pack or usage please ring to get in touch with one of the college Speech and Language Therapists.

Paper-based Communication

Boardmaker

Used in college for making visual guides and social stories. 30 Day free trial of Boardmaker Online.

<https://goboardmaker.com/pages/software-trials>

SymWriter 2

Symbol supported word processor. To be used either by learners who need reinforcement of symbols when typing. Or for creating resources. 21 Day free trial

<https://www.widgit.com/support/symwriter/trial.htm>

or 30 Day free usage of Widgit Online and all resources use the code WIDGIT30:

<https://widgitonline.com/>

Please don't just type and use ALL the symbols! Just key words – some guidance here:

<https://www.widgit.com/about-symbols/index.htm>

Online Software

HelpKidzLearn. Engaging games and learning activities accessible by touchscreen, switch or mouse.

Most also work on iPad – look for the iPad label on the game logos. <https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/>

14 day free trial but you only get access to 20 activities. Then subscription is £72 per year or £6.99 per month.

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SENict

Loads of free, engaging activities for switch, mouse, touchscreen and eyegaze.

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

There is also a subscription site which now has a 30 day free trial -

<https://www.senictsoftware.com/subscribe/>

TarHeel Reader

A collection of free, easy-to-read, and accessible books on a wide range of topics. Each book can be speech enabled and accessed using touch screens, mouse switches.

<https://tarheelreader.org/>

TarHeel Gameplay

Free, easy-to-play, and accessible games. Each game is speech enabled.

You can create your own games using videos from the huge collection at YouTube.

<https://tarheelgameplay.org/>

Downloadable Software

Grid 3. (PC only). This is a fairly complex piece of software, but has many pre-made activities within it. Importantly there is a full functional **60 day free trial**. Most activities can be accessed with mouse, touchscreen or switches. <https://thinksmartbox.com/product/grid-3/>

Clicker 8. Literacy based activities, many pre made or make your own. Clicker 8 is freely available for home use while the CoronaVirus exclusions are in place. This code is for **Beaumont College students only** to use - 8MY6R Q9T98 GTEHV A8MNG

<https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/clicker/8>

Switch Use

Before you start switching...

1. Read this great switch progression guide:

<https://www.ianbean.co.uk/ngfl/SwitchProgression.pdf>

If you need any assistance or advice email techability@natspec.org.uk

Switch Driver

If you have a switch and a switch box (interface) you will need this software to make it work with HelpKidzlearn, Ianbean.com, Tar Heel Reader etc. Switch Driver is free

<https://thinksmartbox.com/download-switch-driver-6/switch-driver-download/> A manual can be found at <https://thinksmartbox.com/product/switch-driver-6/>

iPad Apps

Pictello. Great for making social stories, guided activities, instructions and loads more. Will read out any text you put into pages. Really simple to use but does cost £18.99

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Our Story. Create social stories, guided activities, instructions etc. This app is free but you will need to record any speech output and it is a little harder to use than Pictello.

Inclusive Technology Apps (iPad and Android)

Wide range of apps at a basic access level – many of the apps are free. <http://www.inclusive.co.uk/apps>

Sensory App House (iPad and Chrome)

Loads of free apps aimed at sensory learners. Also can be run in Chrome Browser if you don't have an iPad. <https://www.sensoryapphouse.com/>

App wheels

These posters show a range of apps which are available for learners with Additional Support Needs. Including:

- iPad Apps for Learners with Complex Additional Support Needs
- Android Apps for Complex Communication Support Needs
- Android Apps for Learners with Dyslexia / Reading and Writing Difficulties
- iPad Apps for Learners with Dyscalculia/Numeracy Difficulties

<https://www.callscotland.org.uk/downloads/posters-and-leaflets/>

Computer, Tablet and Phone Accessibility

Office 365 Learning Tools. If you have Office 365 there are accessibility tools built in which can assist reading and writing. For a short video guide – <https://bit.ly/Office365LT>

General guides to access. Short video guides to changing settings on computers, phones and tablets. <https://bit.ly/MakeTechWorkETF> Many students use Word Prediction built into Windows 10 and Mac OS – <https://bit.ly/WordPredict>

Windows Accessibility. General guide to making changes in Windows 10 which may improve access. <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/Accessibility/windows>

Mac Accessibility. General Guide to making changed in Mac OS which may improve access. <https://www.apple.com/uk/accessibility/mac/>

General

ALN Home School

This is a growing resource of links put together by the Assistive Technologist at Bridgend College. Loads of links to software and guides which may be useful.

<https://sites.google.com/bridgend.ac.uk/alnhomeschool>