

ALN Home School

Disclaimer: [ASEPA](#) (Australian Special Education Principals Association) have joined together with UK-based [nasen](#) ([National Association for Special Educational Needs](#)) to work in partnership to crowd-source free resources that may be useful in supporting children with complex and/or additional learning needs.

Who is this resource for?

This site is designed to benefit parents and carers of young people who have additional learning needs who may have to be home schooled during the Covid-19 outbreak. It provides a comprehensive array of direct links to educational sites, all of which have full permission granted for any individual, school, college etc. to use on their website.

ALN Home School have gathered and provided almost 100 hyperlinks into one place.

Several of the sites provide specific support on accessibility features of their particular applications (eg. Windows, Apple, Google) and assistive technology solutions to enhance digital interfacing for students with visual, auditory, intellectual and physical disability.

Setting up

1. Access **ALN Home School** via the following link.

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

			
Inclusive Technology	Crick Software	The Sensory Projects	Certificate Magic
Motivational Apps specifically for children. Designed to meet a range of SEN including switch access for those with physical disabilities.	Child-friendly word processing support that will enable pupils of all abilities to work independently	Purchase over 30 sensory stories - there are also free sensory stories on the free educational resources page	Create your own personalised certificates, free and unlimited

2. Select a site to explore - click the link to access that website.

How can my child use this resource?

As parents of students who may have additional learning and support needs or disabilities, you may need some help to make all of this technology work for your child. Below is a link to some 'How to Videos' to support parents with making it easier to work online.

The screen shot shows what you will see when you click on the link.



The screenshot shows a vertical list of four dropdown menu items, each with a downward-pointing chevron icon on the right side. The items are: 'Literacy and Learning', 'Vision', 'Hearing', and 'Physical and Motor Skills'.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/disability-learning-and-support/resources/assistive-technology#How-to5>

Tips for parents and carers

This is a virtual one-stop shop for teaching and learning resources, games and wellbeing resources for students with additional learning needs. Use this site to explore new options, resources, assistive technology and access to educational software.

There are links to sites across student activities, lesson plan support, free downloads to support curriculum focus areas, a range of sensory activities, assistive technology resources, inclusive strategies for digital learning, as well as some fun games and social blogs.

Parents can also explore the website link to their particular device/operating system, to investigate the information on the accessibility features available, and how to activate the relevant assistive features on their systems and/or devices. There are sites providing step-by-step guides to individual adjustments you can make to your computer, laptop, tablet or smart phone to make it easier to use.

Additional information

Some of the sites are not accessible outside of the UK.