

# Computing



## Barriers to and solutions for Engagement, Progress and Achievement in Computing

- This is often very motivating for children with SEN and they may need warnings and the use of timers to finish
- Some with SEN will take time to log on and it may be quicker to do this for them, or give log in details on a card

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Barriers identified by SENCo/Class teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficulty in hearing instructions from teacher/peers</li> <li>• Filtering noise to hear what is important</li> <li>• Low self esteem</li> <li>• Difficulty with vocabulary.</li> <li>• Being able to hear videos etc and need headphones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Size of screen</li> <li>• May struggle with contrasting colours on the screen</li> <li>• Size of font</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mouse control</li> <li>• Keyboard precision</li> <li>• Seating and positioning</li> <li>• Logging on</li> <li>• Learning the QWERTY keyboard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remembering log in details</li> <li>• Following instructions</li> <li>• Remembering tasks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following instructions – may be on own agenda</li> <li>• Logging off when asked</li> <li>• Concentration</li> <li>• Motor skills</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key words and terms unfamiliar</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retaining information</li> <li>• Remembering log in details</li> <li>• Following instructions</li> <li>• Remembering tasks</li> <li>• Not being able to access the task</li> <li>• Not being able to type well enough/ spell well enough to enter data or to read the content.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following instructions – may be on own agenda</li> <li>• Logging off when asked</li> <li>• Concentration</li> </ul>

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Solutions Identified by subject co-ordinator, SENCO, Class teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocab lists and explanations/dictionaries so words can be revised</li> <li>• Position within the class</li> <li>• Simplify instructions</li> <li>• Check hearing aids daily</li> <li>• Use of headphones to cut out background noise</li> <li>• Quiet space to work in the classroom</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enabling accessibility features</li> <li>• Changing resolution</li> <li>• Reduce glare</li> <li>• Speak directly to child</li> <li>• Peer support (vary the peer)</li> <li>• Increased font and clear font used</li> <li>• Clear contrast between background and text</li> </ul>	<p>Help managing equipment Use of ipad if easier to hold</p> <p>Mouse available if cannot use tracker or keyboard short cut instead of mouse</p> <p>Individual pupils may have a touch typing target on their SEN plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep tasks short</li> <li>• Visual instructions</li> <li>• Have log in details available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support or large keyboard for motor skills</li> <li>• Ear defenders if needed</li> <li>• Movement breaks</li> <li>• Clear rules and timetable</li> <li>• Use of timer</li> <li>• Sound off on games to reduce sensory overload</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supportive pairs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Log on for child, or offer support</li> <li>• Supportive pairs</li> <li>• Personalised expectations of what to achieve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rest/movement breaks if appropriate</li> <li>• Ensure supportive pairs are appropriate role model. Vary pair</li> </ul>