

Mouse Alternatives

Some students have difficulties accessing the computer with a standard mouse. The Windows Operating System has a number of settings that can be changed to accommodate different needs. More information on mouse settings in Windows OS can be found here: <link to Adapting Mouse Settings>

If changes to the settings do not provide adequate access, alternative input devices are available. Here are some examples.

Small Mice

Younger students may have difficulty holding a standard mouse. Smaller version that better fit their hands are available.



Single Button Mice

Younger students, and some with special needs, may find two or more buttons confusing. For early skills development a single button mouse may be appropriate.



Joystick and Tackerballs

These remain stationary on the desk and only the joystick or ball needs to move. It separates the positioning of the mouse pointer from the activation of the buttons. Some have additional buttons to perform double-click or dragging actions.



Trackpads

These work the same as on a laptop computer. They can be helpful those with weak hand or finger control or who struggle to hold a mouse still whilst performing clicks.



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