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Introductory email template for local authorities to send to school leaders and SENCOs:

Subject: New Assistive Technology Lending Library – Supporting Pupils with SEND

Dear [School Name] team,

We are delighted to inform you that [Local Authority Name] is one of the areas that chose to take part in the Department for Education's new **Assistive Technology (AT) Lending Library** pilot, launching from [start date or "this Autumn term"].

The scheme enables mainstream settings to **borrow and trial a wide range of assistive technology products** to help you meet the needs of pupils with SEND more effectively. The "try before you buy" model offers the opportunity to find out if a specific digital tool works effectively for one or more of your pupils before committing any funding. If the technology is having a positive impact on learning, engagement, confidence, or independence, you can choose to purchase it from the supplier after the trial period has ended. You will be able to access training resources and support to build your staff's awareness, confidence, and capability in using the technology effectively with pupils.

What's available?

The lending library will include a range of tools such as *[LA to list examples based on contents of library]*:

- Reading pens that scan and read aloud
- Dictation and voice-to-text tools
- Tablets with symbol-based communication apps
- Physical access tools

How will it help?

Assistive technology can:

- Improve access to learning for pupils with needs such as dyslexia, autism, and ADHD
- Increase pupil concentration, engagement, and confidence
- Reduce staff workload by supporting independence

Next steps

We will share further details [by date/shortly] on how your school can:

- Borrow equipment
- Access training and support
- Share feedback and impact

If you would like to express early interest or have any questions, please contact us at [email/contact form].

We look forward to supporting your school/setting in making learning more accessible for all.

Kind regards,

[Name]

[Role]

[Local Authority Name]

[Email]

[Phone]

Suggested flyer for teaching staff:

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LENDING LIBRARY

Supporting pupils with SEND

Trial assistive technology products to meet the needs of your pupils.

We are part of a new pilot to help mainstream settings borrow and trial a range of assistive technology (AT) at a new lending library.

What's available?

- *[LAs to list the products they have selected]*

How will it help?

- Improve access to learning for pupils with needs such as dyslexia, autism, ADHD and communication needs
- Increase pupil concentration, engagement, and confidence
- Reduce teacher workload by supporting independence

Next steps

We will share further details [by date/shortly] on

- How to borrow equipment
- Access, training and support
- Sharing feedback and impact


For more information: [Contact] [Email] [Phone]

Social media copy

Twitter/X (Concise, punchy):

 *New Assistive Tech Lending Library!*

Schools in [Local Authority] can now borrow & trial tools like [reading pens, voice-to-text & AAC devices] to support pupils with SEND. Let's unlock learning for every child.

 Contact us to get started!


#SEND #AssistiveTech #Inclusion

Facebook (Informative, parent-friendly):

We're excited to launch a new **Assistive Technology Lending Library** for schools across [Local Authority]!

Schools can now borrow products like [reading pens, speech-to-text tools, and symbol-supported tablets] to support pupils with SEND.

This supports inclusion and helps children learn with greater confidence and independence.

 Learn more: [link or contact]

#SENDsupport #EdTech #InclusiveEducation #AssistiveTechnology

Instagram (Visual + caption):

  New Assistive Technology Lending Library!

[Image of AT tools or inclusive classroom]

We're helping schools across [Local Authority] access tools that support children with dyslexia, ADHD, autism and more. From reading pens to communication apps - these tools make a difference.

DM us or visit [link] to get involved!

#EdInclusion #AssistiveTech #SENDAwareness #ATlibrary

LinkedIn (Professional tone):

We're proud to be supporting inclusive education through a new **Assistive Technology Lending Library** across [Local Authority]. Schools can now borrow and trial a wide range of tools – from [dictation software to AAC devices] – to help meet the needs of pupils with SEND. Developed with DfE and CENMAC, this pilot gives schools a practical way to build confidence in AT and support every learner.

Find out how to access the library: [link]

#SENDreform #EdTech #AssistiveTechnology #DfE #InclusionMatters

Case Studies

Case Study 1: Loveth's Progress and Achievements Using AT

<https://cenmac.com/about/case-studies/case-study-loveth/>

Case Study 2: Adapting the technology to support individual strengths and motivate learning

<https://cenmac.com/about/case-studies/case-study-adapting-the-technology-to-support-individual-strengths-and-motivate-learning/>

Case Study 3: A range of technology to access the curriculum

<https://cenmac.com/about/case-studies/case-study-jelani/>

Case Study 4: In our own words - Olive

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nosREObanfU>

