# Learning Support Advisory Team





# Using Assistive Technology to Support Pupils with SEND

#### Who is it for?

SENDCOs, primary and secondary teachers and support staff

#### **Course Content**

- What is Assistive Technology and why do pupils need it?
- Free <u>Microsoft</u> accessibility tools to support pupils with literacy difficulties— what, when and how to use.
- Presentation from <u>CrickSoftware</u> specialist and local schools around the use of:
  - ⇒ Clicker 8 (Primary)
  - ⇒ Clicker DocsPlus (Secondary)
- Reading pens: presentation from <u>Scanning Pens</u> on:
  - ⇒ Helping Hands Detectives: supporting pupils to get to grips with using their Scanning Pen
  - ⇒ Use of Scanning Pens in exams.
- The use of Assistive Technology to support pupils with sensory impairments: presentation from <u>SIS</u>.
- Further speakers/presentations tbc

## What's in it for you?

- ♦ To have a better understanding of the benefits of using Assistive Technology.
- ◆ To know how to access free Microsoft accessibility tools to support learners with literacy difficulties.
- ♦ To understand how AT can be used to support pupils in exams.

### **Key Outcomes:**

- To help schools meet the needs of all pupils as part of the Equality Duty around accessibility for disabled pupils.
- To empower schools to use AT to remove barriers to achievement for pupils with literacy difficulties, enable better access to the curriculum and increase confidence, independence and self-esteem.
- To be able to use a range of free Microsoft accessibility tools.

Date: Wednesday 16th February 2022 9.00—3.30pm

T&W Schools & Academies: £150 Schools outside T&W: £180

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