

The SETT Framework

If you are not sure which type of assistive technology will best suit the needs of your child or young person, then the SETT Framework is a useful tool to help teachers to assess their pupils' needs and consider how assistive technology might help. The SETT Framework covers Students, Environment, Tasks and Tools and provides questions for staff and students to reflect on how assistive technology can be used. The framework should help ensure that decisions about longer-term use of assistive technology products are personalised, practical and purposeful, supporting inclusion and participation.

Below are example questions you might ask your pupils in each of the SETT areas.

Students	Environment	Tasks	Tools
<p>Understand the learner's abilities, needs and preferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you enjoy doing at school or at home? • What do you find easy to hard when learning? • How do you like to show what you know (e.g. talking, writing, drawing)? • What helps you stay focused or calm when things get tricky? • What are your hopes for the future? • What do you feel most proud about? • Why do you think your friends at school like you? 	<p>Exploring the learning settings and relationships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where do you do your best learning (e.g. in class, quiet room, with a group)? • Are there places at school that feel tricky or uncomfortable to you? • Who helps you most at school? • What helps you join in with the rest of the class? • What lessons/ subjects do you enjoy most? • Which lessons do you do your best learning in? • What learning platforms are used across the school? 	<p>Understanding what the students is wanting to achieve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kinds of things do you do every day in school? • Are there activities you really enjoy? • Are there things you find difficult to do (e.g. writing, listening, moving around)? • What would you like to do more easily or independently? • What would you like to get better at? • What are your goals for this year? 	<p>Identifying helpful supports, strategies or technologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there anything (like a tool, app or strategy) that helps you learn or join in? • Do you use anything special at school or home to help you (e.g. iPad, talking buttons, pencil grips)? • What would help you take part more or feel more confident? • If you could design something to make school easier, what would it be? • Have you tried any kind of technology to help with your learning before? What worked/didn't work for you?

