5 steps to make reading accessible for students with Special Education Needs

Enable your students to read curriculum resources in a way that is accessible for them. With this guide, your school will:

- Deliver reasonable adjustments for all students who are neurodivergent or vision impaired.
- Make curriculum resources available in an accessible digital format.
- Empower students to read at school and home with their choice of colours, fonts and voices.

Step 1: Register for RNIB Bookshare

RNIB Bookshare Education Collection is a free service for schools in the UK. It provides access to over 1 million education titles in various accessible formats.

The collection covers the entire education landscape, from early years to higher education.

You can register any student in your school who is:

- **Neurodivergent:** dyslexic, autistic, ADHD
- **Vision impaired:** blind, partially sighted
- **Physical disability:** where the use of print resources is significantly impacted

Learn more and sign your school up for free today at www.rnibbookshare.org

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Step 2: Subscribe to EasyReader Premium

Deliver reasonable adjustments for your students who are neurodivergent or vision impaired. An EasyReader Premium Education Plan ensures your students can read curriculum resources independently in a way that is accessible for them. An Education Plan provides:

- A flexible reader with your student's choice of colours, fonts and voices.
- A direct connection to over a million accessible titles from the RNIB Bookshare Education Collection.
- Logins for every student in your school that needs reasonable adjustments to read and learn.

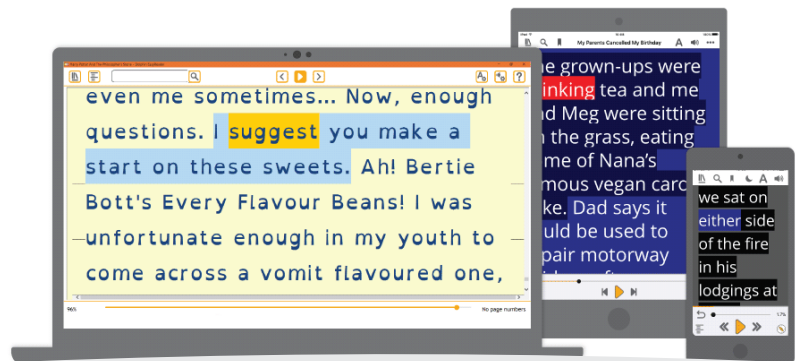Find out more at www.YourDolphin.com/EasyReader-Premium

Step 3: Download EasyReader App

Ensure your students have EasyReader App installed on the devices they use to read at school and at home. The app is free to download for Apple iPads, iPhones and Macs, Android smartphones and tablets and Windows devices.

Students can sign in to the app to benefit from Premium features. This enables them to:

- Continue reading at school and home - the book list, positions, bookmarks and settings are saved across devices.
- Import classroom files and clipboard texts.
- Choose from a range of premium reading voices.
- Sign in to EasyReader App on a Mac.

Step 4: Share curriculum resources with students

Students can read a range of digital resources including Word files, text-based PDFs, ePub files and text copied from web pages.

Here are some of the ways teachers can share curriculum resources with students:

- **RNIB Bookshare.** Use the RNIB Bookshare website to create reading lists. Students can open their reading lists and browse the entire RNIB Bookshare collection within EasyReader App.
- **Google Classroom or Microsoft Education.** Students added to your Education Plan can download classroom resources shared on Google Classroom or Microsoft Education.
- **Sharing resources electronically.** Students can open resources shared via email or the school Virtual Learning Environment. With EasyReader Premium, students are able to import and read as many files as they like.

Gain valuable insights into the reading engagement of your students. An Education Plan enables teachers to view:

- When EasyReader App was last used
- All the titles that have been read
- The current reading position for each title
- The amount of time spent reading each title

As well as demonstrating the positive impact of accessible reading, these insights can also enable your team to open a conversation with students who are less engaged with their reading. This can help to identify additional accommodations needed for your students to succeed.

Free CPD learning for Teachers

Our 5-step guide lays out a foundation for your school to make curriculum resources accessible for all students. To build on this, our free CPD accredited training is here to help you embed accessible reading throughout your school.

The course is designed for teachers and teaching assistants working with students who are neurodivergent or vision impaired. It provides a series of bite-size lessons that help your team make reading accessible for your students with EasyReader Premium.

Find out more at: Learn.YourDolphin.com/professionals.

About Dolphin

Dolphin Computer Access provides assistive technology that helps people who are vision impaired or neurodivergent to read and succeed.

Contact our team of accessibility experts to find out how Dolphin can empower your school to make reading accessible.

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