

Introduction

The materials in this toolbox were created or gathered and trialed by a group of prison-based learning support specialists working with prisoners who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in four prisons in the North West of England as part of a Special 'Professional Exchange' Project, funded by the Education and Training Foundation. The Professional Exchange is led by PD North, the Northern Professional Exchange programme.

The specialists are employed by NOVUS, the education provider working in the following prisons in 2018; HMP Wymott and HMP Lancaster Farms (Cat C adult male training prisons) and HMP Kirkham and HMP Thorn Cross (Cat D adult male open prisons). The prisons were chosen because of their current/ emerging good practice in SEND inclusion.

The toolbox is designed to be used with prisoners with a range of SEND needs but it particularly focusses on mental well-being, as an aspect of SEND where the team identified a gap in current support for prisoners. Each prisoner who spends time with a learning support specialist can be introduced to activities/ techniques or resources that may support his/ her needs and these are also shared with the instructors/ teacher who work with them.

SEND Pathways



Communication and interaction (e.g. Autistic Spectrum Disorder, speech and language impairments, Tourette Syndrome)



Learning and cognition (e.g. moderate/ severe learning difficulties, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia)



Social, emotional and mental health (e.g. self harm, behaviour disorders, ADD & ADHD, Depression)



Sensory and physical impairments (e.g. hearing/ visual impairments, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophe, Cerebral Palsy)

Toolkit Task Cards

Photo of the item or document included in the box

Colour coded tabs at the top for quick reference

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Measuring the Room



Provide learners with a template of the room/area you work in plus a measuring tape and ask them to measure the different aspects.

Additionally, the learners could re-design your room/work area.

SEND pathway



Brief description of the activity and/or item

Colour coded stars related to SEND pathways

Suggestions for classroom use

This task lends itself well to lower level learners as they generally enjoy the measuring activities.

This has particular relevance to the workshops or Maths lessons but can also be a good diversionary task for an English class.

How can I use this in the classroom?

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Word ladder	Document	   
Word search	1 book	 
Crossword	1 book	 
Brain Gym	Document	  
Magnifying glass	1 magnifier	
Calligraphy	3 pens, 10 handwriting pens & 5 notepads	

Sudoku	1 book	   
Doodling	3 pencils & 4 notepads	   
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Dot-to-dot	1 book	   
Fidget cube	1 cube	
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Porcupine ball	3 balls	
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Overlays	2 overlays	 
Ergonomic stationery	2 pens (L&R) & 5 grips	
Mini whiteboards	5 boards, 10 pens & 7 erasers	

[Access the developed resources here.](#)