Learning from Home: Supporting Students with Additional Needs



Accessibility Options	Features		Assists with	Example of Platforms / Technologies
Screen Reader	A narrator reads text aloud from the screen including notifications, calendar appointments, emails and general text. The speed function enables the reading speed to be adjusted	•	reading speed, fluency pronunciation of words vision impairment	Chromebook G Suite Apple Devices Apple Mac Windows 10
Speech to text	Converts the student's spoken words into text for their own use, to communicate with teacher or to submit outcomes of learning.	•	spelling difficulties typing speed recognising the need to use punctuation in written text	Chromebook G Suite Apple Devices Apple Mac Windows 10
Present Slides with Captions	When slides are presented, automatic captions display the speaker's words in real time.	•	students who may not be confident with speaking or reading in front of an audience	<u>G Suite</u>

Closed Captions and subtitles	Closed captions and subtitles mirror words that are spoken in movies and television shows. The footage can be paused to allow processing time.	•	accessing spoken word reviewing key phrases, quotes processing spoken language	G Suite YouTube Windows 10 Apple Devices Apple Mac
Focus Assist	Alerts and notifications that may cause distraction are blocked.	•	concentration difficulties and distractibility	Windows 10
Reading distractions / Immersive Reader options	The reading view of webpages is cleared of content that may cause distractions leaving only the main content to be read.	•	focusing on reading the most important content	Windows 10
Text suggestions / predictive text	Provides visual word suggestions that student can incorporate into typing. Suggestions relate to grammar and content.	•	spelling editing work sentence construction	Windows 10
Typing Feedback	'Speaks' letters and words as they are typed. Provides auditory autocorrections and cues for spelling and punctuation errors as needed. Includes touch and hold on words to hear text predictions.	•	spelling punctuation	Chromebook