

Using Touch Monitors

Touch Monitors can be beneficial for children who have difficulty understanding the relationship between the movement of a mouse and the placement of the cursor on the screen.

Some children struggle with using a switch as it may be too indirect. Pointing at something is a natural way to communicate and pointing on the touch monitor creates an immediate response on the screen.

Positioning the Touch Monitor

Always ensure that the touch monitor is placed and positioned where the screen can be physically and visually accessed. If a child is accessing the computer from a wheelchair or pushchair you need to ensure that their chair can fit under the table and the computer screen is positioned as they may have trouble reaching the screen.

The important thing is to ensure the child is sitting in a comfortable position where they can easily access the monitor.

Adjusting the On-Screen Image

1. Check that lighting levels suit – in particular watch out for windows situated behind the monitor or glare from lighting.
2. Check the screen is clean
3. Adjust the brightness and contrast if required

Adjusting the sound response on a touchscreen monitor

You can adjust the response sound of the touchscreen monitor. Usually the monitor is pre-set to “Beep” on touch, this can be beneficial for children requiring a sound prompt to know they have positively touched the screen. However, sometimes the sound can be off putting for some children particularly if they are playing a game where music is involved.

The “Beep” response can be easily switched off and then back on, by going into the “Control Panel” settings on your computer and then double clicking on the touchscreen icon setting and then tick or un-tick the box for the “Beep” sound response.