

EA Literacy Service

Literacy Service Support for Sixth Form Pupils



This document has been developed by the EA Literacy Service (Northern Ireland). It is intended to provide an overview of the support that the Literacy Service can offer to Sixth Form pupils with literacy difficulties. It contains a range of features and ideas you may decide to use based on the needs of the pupil. We hope you find some of the content helpful.

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The EA Literacy Service Team,

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Advice & Guidance

The Sixth Form's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) (or equivalent) can request Advice & Guidance from the Literacy Service to help them support Sixth Form pupils with literacy difficulties. It doesn't matter if this Advice & Guidance has been requested in previous years – young people's needs often change as they progress through the different phases of their education. The Advice & Guidance that the SENCo (or equivalent) can request will be delivered by a Literacy Service teacher either as a formal, detailed report, or a constructive meeting.

Assistive Technology

Northern Ireland schools (including their Sixth Forms) currently have free access to **Read&Write software** via the C2K network and it can be downloaded **for free** at home on up to five individual devices through arrangements facilitated via the Literacy Service. You can find out more information about Read&Write, including how to download and use it, by visiting the bespoke [R&W for NI Schools](#) webpage and scanning the QR code below:



Training for Sixth Form staff

Staff teaching or supporting Sixth Form pupils with literacy difficulties can register for literacy support related **Professional Learning modules** by visiting the [EA booking portal](#) and scanning the QR code shown below:




By enrolling on these Professional Learning modules, Sixth Form staff can upskill which will likely have a subsequently positive effect upon the teaching and support that they provide to Sixth Form pupils with literacy difficulties.

Resources for Sixth Form staff

The EA Literacy Service maintains a resource site specifically for Post Primary sector staff – this includes Sixth Form. Sixth Form staff teaching or supporting pupils with Literacy Difficulties could gain access to a wealth of resources to use to support them with their literacy difficulties.

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A note from the team

Welcome to the Literacy Service's Post Primary resource site designed specifically for **SENCOs, teachers and classroom assistants** working in the **Post Primary** sector. The site contains various resources and ideas for supporting Post Primary pupils with **Literacy Difficulties**. The Literacy Service is **committed** to developing its practice and provision in line with **local and international research** deemed relevant to the area of literacy difficulties. All documents hosted on this site have been carefully selected and/or created accordingly. This is a live resource which is regularly updated and subject to change. The short video below will demonstrate how to navigate this site.