

# RESOURCES INTO SCHOOLS

## DS ACHIEVE

DS Achieve is a Hertfordshire-based charity working with children and young people with Down Syndrome (DS), and their families, to enable them to reach their potential. Our focus is on education and training for parents, children and young people with Down Syndrome and professionals.

## WHAT IS 'RESOURCES INTO SCHOOLS'?

With your agreement, parents of a child with Down Syndrome can make an application to DS Achieve for our Resources into School project. If the application is successful, this means your pupil will receive a visit from a Specialist Down Syndrome Advisor for an assessment at school to determine where a specialist physical resource or piece of equipment could best help to support their progress in education.

DS Achieve will purchase the recommended item for your pupil and provide a bespoke training session at your school by our Specialist Advisor for the relevant school staff. This training will enable the staff to best use the resource to support their learning and progress in a particular area. At present, this service is offered entirely free of charge.

## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- 01** To provide focused and bespoke educational support to optimise development for pupils with DS.
- 02** To enable schools to access specialist input and resources.
- 03** To provide bespoke training and therefore remove barriers for schools in using specialist resources.
- 04** To enable families and professionals to help children with DS to fulfil their potential.

## PROCESS

- Parent discusses application with school and submits it to DS Achieve.
- DS Achieve reviews application.
- If successful, DS Achieve contacts parent and school to confirm.
- Specialist DS Advisor arranges assessment at school and recommends a physical resource (e.g. See and Learn pack, specialist maths equipment), which DS Achieve purchases.
- Advisor provides bespoke training at school on how to use the resource to meet the child's needs and supports via follow up call.



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