The Assistive Technology Support Service offers a wide range of training in the use of assistive technology.

Training is offered through the Calendar of events published annually by the Education CPD Unit.

**Courses cover:**
Hardware and software training and multi-sensory applications to support:

- Writing
- Reading
- Varied learning styles
- Communication difficulties
- Physical access issues
- Sensory impairment

**General Support & Training:**

**How you contact us:**

Alan Stewart – ATSS Coordinator
E-mail: alan.stewart@highland.gov.uk
Direct Line: 01349 868253

Assistive Technology Support Service
The Education Centre
Castle Street
Dingwall
Ross-Shire
IV15 9HU

Tel: 01349 863441

This leaflet can be made available in other formats & languages on request.

This document was updated in October 2009

The Highland Council
Education, Culture & Sport Service

Assistive Technology Support Service

Information For Parents, Carers, Families, Children and Young People
Who does the Service work with?

Highland Council staff work in partnership with parents/carers to ensure that the needs of children are supported.

The Council promotes an inclusive approach to service provision and takes account of individual needs and circumstances.

**Support for Individuals**

Assistive Technology Support Service offers assessment, support, and advice to schools and parents in relation to the use of assistive technology to support inclusive education.

The Assistive Technology Support Service can be accessed for any pupil who might benefit from the use of alternative means of recording or communication.

Further information is available at [www.highlandschools-virtualib.org.uk/slpf](http://www.highlandschools-virtualib.org.uk/slpf)

Assistive Technology Support Service staff work with teachers, parents, and other support staff to establish strategies, techniques, and the best set-up of technological equipment to support the education of the pupil.

Training and support is offered in school or through the annual training programme (see over).

The Assistive Technology Support Service works closely with Educational Psychologists as well as with therapy colleagues from the Health Board.

Anyone can refer a pupil to the Assistive Technology Support Service by contacting us at the address overleaf. We will then work with the pupil’s school to arrange a visit to decide on the most appropriate course of action.

A small, specialised bank of equipment is available for loan to establishments (after an assessment) to enable those working with the pupil to fully evaluate its effectiveness.

Equipment is usually available for one school term. Long term loans are restricted to highly specialised equipment where more lengthy assessment is felt to be necessary.

Adults working to support pupils who might benefit from assistive technology can try out equipment by contacting the Assistive Technology Support Service at the address overleaf.