



Lonsdale AAC Network Group

News & Information

Keeping you updated with
everything AAC

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No matter how
you communicate

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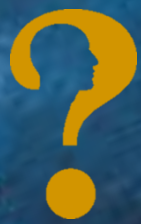
**your voice
matters!**

What's in the **Newsletter**

Learn all about Smartbox and
their webinars for training.

Smartbox



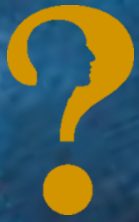


Grid 3 is a complete communication solution that enables people to have a voice, control their environment and live more independent lives.

It's designed for anyone with complex communication or access needs and includes a wide range of resources that you can control with touch, switch, eye gaze and pointing devices.

You'll find grid sets for talking with symbols or text, and content for all ages and abilities.



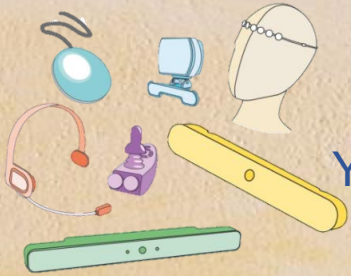


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Designed for all access

You can use Grid 3 with any type of alternative access, from eye gaze and switch to touch and pointing devices.



You can even set it up with multiple access options and switch between them to suit your changing needs throughout the day

Symbol communication

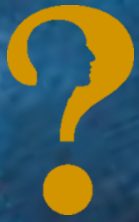
A range of vocabularies are available with Grid, from Word Power to PODD and Vocabulary for Life.



Text communication

There are a range of text communication Grids, from Fast Talker to Text Talker. All packed with innovative features to make communicating as fast and efficient as possible.





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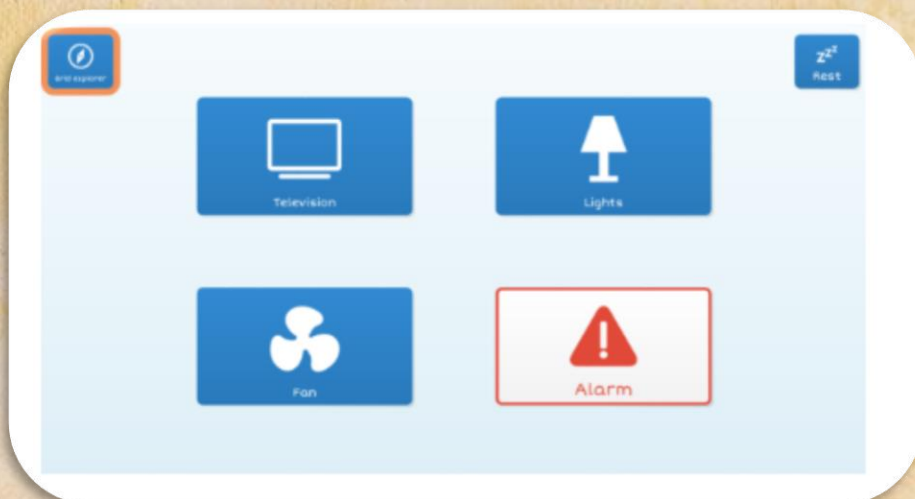
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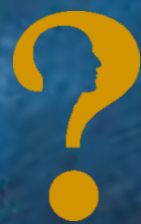
Accessible apps enable you to browse the web, use social media and so much more.



Control your environment

Using any device with infrared and radio technology, Grid 3 helps you to take control of the devices in your home, and operate anything from televisions and lights, to heaters and beds.





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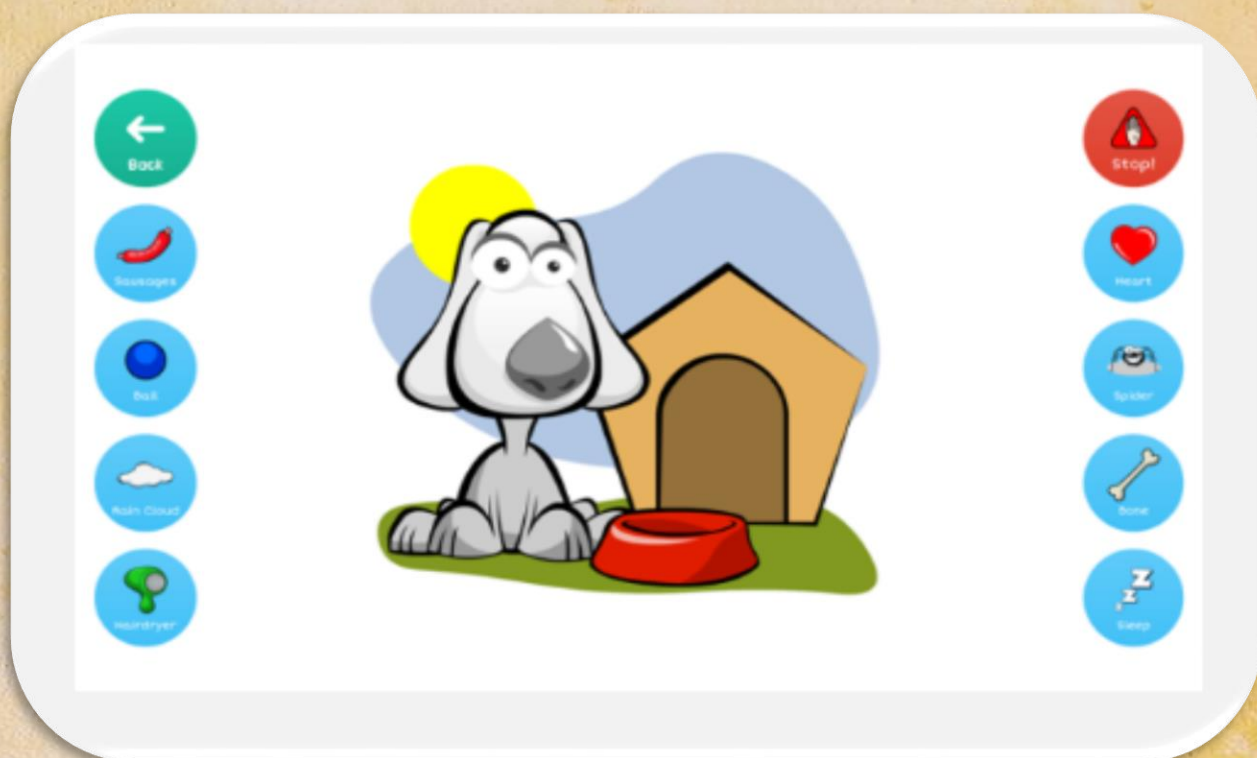
Interactive Learning

The Interactive Learning activities in Grid 3 have been created to help learners progress towards alternative communication.

Each motivating activity is accompanied by grid that enable you to talk about what you have achieved.

Choose from a collection of animated activities to teach through exploration and play, from looking after an on-screen pet dog to designed a car, or racing one on a track!

Cause and effect * Choices * Challenges * Visual Scenes





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Grid 3 training

Learn more about Smartbox software and hardware in their free webinars.

You'll find sessions covering everything from getting started with AAC and learning the basics of Grid, through to resources for supporting independence.

Use the following link to the Smartbox training hub.

<https://hub.thinksmartbox.com/training/webinars/>

The screenshot shows the 'Smartbox Hub' website. The header includes the 'Smartbox Hub' logo and navigation links for 'Support', 'Training', and 'Product Information'. A 'Grid 3' section is highlighted, featuring a sub-header 'Get started with Grid 3, our complete Windows AAC software.' Below this, four webinar cards are displayed, each with a title, duration, and a right-pointing arrow button.

Webinar Title	Duration
Grid 3 - Getting started	37 minutes
Grid 3 - Editing (Part 1)	31 minutes
Grid 3 - Editing (Part 2)	25 minutes
Grid 3 - Editing tips and tricks	25 minutes

About us – The AAC team



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If you experience any technical problems or require any AAC support please get in touch!

As a team we aim to provide a high level of support to meet each pupil's Alternative and Augmented Communication (AAC) needs.

We are responsible for:

Assessments;

Access to technology, hardware for VOCAs (Voice Output Communication Aids), mounting solutions for VOCAs.

Specialist Support for;

Technical support for VOCA, technical support for mounting solutions, specialist software.

Training – VOCA hardware, access and mounting solution;

For all school staff, for families and carers.

Programming, editing, upgrading and updating;

All AAC, this includes both paper base and power base.

Equipment;

Funded by Education or Health –

this will be supported by the AAC Support Team.

