

Switches



WHAT ARE SWITCHES?

- A switch is a simple device that has a cause and effect response, i.e. when the switch is pressed there is an understanding that it will cause something to happen
- Switches come in a variety of different shapes and sizes and are operated in different ways, usually this is through a push motions, but we also use switches that pupils can grasp, pull, or activate with smaller movements

WHY DO WE USE SWITCHES?

- We have many different switches that we use to meet the needs of our pupils, specifically to enable them to interact with their environment
- We use switches for some of our pupils as a form of communication which helps them to access their environment, their learning, school routine and leisure

WHEN DO WE USE SWITCHES?

- Pupils use switches throughout the school day to make choices (snack time, lunch time, during lessons).
- We use switches during story time where the repetitive line is recorded onto the switches. This way each child has an opportunity to have an active part in helping to tell the story.
- Another use for switches is for an “exchange” diary between school and home, so that parents become part of the process for using the switch.



Switches are used as part of a Total Communication approach at Warmley Park