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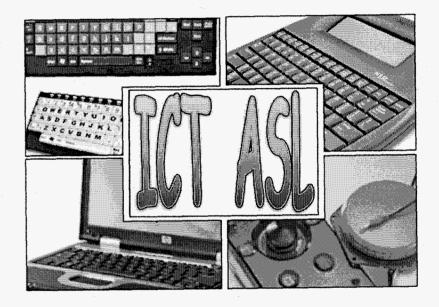
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You will find more details of the service we offer in the ASL area of EGfL under Partner Services and Agencies http://egfl.net/ASL/index.html
You will also find a link to our own IK website and a copy of our referral form.
http://www.ictasl.ik.org/home.ikml

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ICT/ASL Service
ICT Support for Pupils with Additional Support Needs

Pupils with a wide range of additional support needs can benefit from technology that can facilitate access to the curriculum and enhance learning and attainment.

The ICT/ASL service provides help and advice for school staff in the use of ICT to support pupils, to help enable establishments to carry out their duties in relation to the Education (Additional Support for Learning (Scotland) Act 2004).

What services do we offer?

Email/Telephone Advice, Consultation and Collaboration
We work in partnership with school staff and other professionals. We are always willing to answer queries and offer advice on any aspect of ICT/ASL support, whether curricular or technical.

Staff development
The ICT/ASL team offers CPD opportunities at McDonald Road or in schools on the effective curricular use of ICT to support pupils who have additional support needs, through:
- Courses, advertised in the CPD directory
- Whole school training sessions
- Cluster group training sessions

- Assistance to smaller groups of staff in supporting and developing individual pupil use of ICT
- Drop in sessions at McDonald Road

We welcome requests for in-school CPD sessions as well as feedback and suggestions as to how we might improve our support to schools.

Pupil Referral
Pupils are referred to us by head teachers, support for learning staff and other professionals, e.g. educational psychologists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, etc.

Referral forms are available for download from our website. Before requesting an ICT assessment of a pupil, staff should consider:
- The nature of the support needs that are causing difficulty in accessing the curriculum, and how ICT might help
- The range of strategies (including non-ICT) already in place
- Whether use of ICT resources already available in school has been fully explored.

One of the team will contact the school and may initially offer advice by telephone or email. If the pupil requires the use of technology beyond what is already available in the school, a member of the ICT/ASL staff will arrange to visit and assess what additional resources may be required. If necessary, staff training and/or loan of more specialised equipment may be arranged.