Library List

Sensory toys

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Families where a child has a brain condition face challenges every day. Just to learn, play, make friends and experience the world can feel difficult, even impossible. But we don't believe there's any challenge that can't be overcome.

So we listen to families, we learn from them. We carry out research, we design and innovate, we make and share. From new equipment to new learning resources, to new ways to play and support each other, everything we find out together makes life better, It opens doors to discovering the world.

It's an incredibly rewarding journey for everyone involved. Why not be a part of it? You never know what we'll discover together.

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About our Sensory Toy Library

Our sensory toy library is free. The sensory library is open to the parent/carers of children aged 16 and under with a neurodiverse or brain condition living in the UK.

You can join by filling in the webform on the library page of our website www.cerebra.org.uk or by phoning our freephone number 0800 32 81 159 and picking Option 1, the Option 2 for the Library.

Members can borrow one item at a time for 28 days at a time. Sensory toys are delivered by carrier, we will contact you first to find out when will be convenient for you. At the end of the loan period, we will contact you by phone or email to find out when is convenient for you for the item to be picked up again and we will make the booking with the carrier.

Please bear in mind the sensory library is VERY popular and there will be a wait to borrow something. Library members can go on the waiting list for one item at a time. The normal wait to borrow something is between 2 and 12 weeks, depending on the popularity of the item.

If you have any other queries about the library service or the range of items, please email us on library@cerebra.org.uk.

Switch Toys

Switches are used to enable accessibility for all abilities. Switches can be 'Momentary' 'Latch' or 'Timed'

Momentary switches will activate the device and keep it running for as long as you keep your hand on the switch. Latch switches will activate the device when it is pressed once and turn the device off when it is pressed again. Timed switches will activate the device when pressed and the device will run for the entire sequence or for a pre-set time.

Twinkle Dome with switch

A switch operated toy with music and spinning pompoms. Press the switch to activate the Twinkle Dome and see eye catching objects dance around accompanied by music and lights. With volume control knob.

Battery operated

Switch Type: Momentary

Quantity 1

Spinning Light Show

Great effects! This dome features a multicoloured array of lights that create an exciting show. Great for children who require extra somatosensory stimuli. Great in the dark. May not be suitable for those with photosensitive epilepsy. A switch is provided.

Battery operated

Switch Type: Momentary

Quantity 1

Vibration Sparkly Dome

Very similar to the Musical Sparkly Dome but with no music. A switch operated toy with vibration lights and spinning glitter. Press the capability switch or the big yellow textured button on the front of the dome for a reward of sparkling confetti, lights and vibration.

Battery operated

Switch Type: Momentary

Quantity 1

Vibe-lite Switch

The Vibe-lite has vibrate on or off, light up and timed light up options. It can be used alone to give a reward or for cause and effect. Or, it can be used as a switch for your own switch toys. We have included a switch adaptor, so it can be with a wider range of switch toys.

It includes a 'blink' mode, which can be set to blink every 4 seconds without it being touched.

Battery operated

Switch Type: Momentary, Latch or Timed

Quantity 1

Mini Sparkly Dome

Touch anywhere to see lights, spinning glitter and hear exciting music. Each function can be turned off or on independently for your own choice of response. Works best on the carpet rather than a table top or smooth surface. Can also be used as a switch to activate your own switch toys, leads provided.

Battery operated

Switch Type: Momentary

Quantity 1

Switch Adapted Dancing BeatBo

Dance and Move BeatBo is a great playtime pal for singing, dancing, moving and grooving! Use up to 3 switches to activate his three modes 'Dance and Move' 'Learning and Games' and 'SingAlong'. BeatBo features a 'light up' tummy panel of changing colours. Can be operated with or without switches.

Battery operated

Switch type: Timed

Quantity *2*

Switch Adapted Glitter Waterball

The Switch Adapted Glitter Waterball is a dazzling and engaging sensory resource that combines calming colour-changing LED lights with floating, hexagon-shaped glitter for a mesmerising visual experience. Designed for inclusive play, press the switch to activate. Perfect for cause-and-effect learning and visual stimulation. Ideal for use in dark dens.

Battery operated

Switch Type: Momentary

Quantity 1

Switch Adapted Aquari-round

The Aquari-Round gives a 360-degree view of an enchanting aquatic world. Press the switch to watch the fish move across the aquarium. Lit with LED lighting. The vibrant colours and gentle movements of the fish provide a rich sensory experience. Perfect for cause-and-effect learning and visual stimulation.

Battery operated

Switch Type: Momentary

Quantity 1

Switch Adapted Domino Train

The Switch Adapted Domino Train Set is an interactive toy that combines cause-and-effect learning with visual and auditory engagement. Load up the magazine with brightly coloured dominoes, press the switch, and watch as the train chugs along, laying dominoes in a neat line behind it. With lights, sounds, and movement, this engaging toy provides sensory stimulation and motor skill development Requires Adult supervision

Battery operated

Switch Type: Momentary

Quantity 1

Switch Adapted Blue Whale Bubble Machine

The Switch Adapted Blue Whale Bubble Machine is a fun and engaging way to encourage cause-and-effect learning. Its bright design makes it ideal for sensory play and interactive activities. Simply fill with bubble solution, press and hold the switch to activate a continuous stream of bubbles. Watch as they float upwards from the whale's mouth, creating a delightful visual and sensory experience

Battery operated.

Switch Type: Momentary

Quantity 1

Switch Adapted Bongos

The Switch Adapted Bongos provide accessible musical fun for everyone. With lights and a verity of sounds, this musical toy is perfect for encouraging interaction, creativity and sensory engagement. Press and let go of the switches to activate the drums. Can be operated with or without switches.

Battery operated.

Switch Type: Timed

Quantity 1

Sensory Kits

Sensory issues are common in children with neurodiverse conditions. We have a selection of kits to meet all sensory needs, whether your child needs stimulation or relaxation. For children aged 3 years and older.

Audio Sensory Kit

A selection of sensory resources that give a wide variety of different sound and musical rewards, loud and soft. Includes, bells, buzzers, shakers, whistles, voice changer and groan tubes.

Some items battery operated

Quantity 3

Visual Sensory Kit

Bursting with stimulating stuff including northern light projector, spinning top, 3D jigsaw, cogwheels, echo ball, mirrors, hanging spinners, squishy fish, Sensory Fidget Tubes and Colourmix Sensory Tubes.

Some items battery operated

Quantity 4

UV Sensory Kit

Create your own dark den. UV effects are highly stimulating, encouraging visual exploration and tactile experiences. Comes with an LED UV lantern and UV reactive resources including gloves, scarves, wrist bands, sprinkle tubes, rattle tubes, hanging spinners and mirror chime mobile. For the full effect set up in an area free from light.

Battery operated

Quantity 4

Tactile Sensory Kit

A selection of sensory tactile resources – warm, soft, stretchy, knobbly, vibrating, silky, crinkly and fidgety.

Some items battery opertaed

Quantity 2

Wind-Down Sensory Kit

A selection of sensory resources to help you create a calm environment for your child to wind-down and relax. Includes a soft light & sounds nightlight; a 360 degree colour lamp; sensory stones; Warmie sloth; soft long cat; essential oil diffuser and a wind-down activities book with a wealth of wind-down ideas.

Some chargeable mains electric items

Quantity 3

Early Years Sensory Kits

We have a range of early years sensory kits suitable for the under 3s. Containing a range of colourful, stimulating toys to encourage exploration, play and early learning.

Some items battery operated

Age 3 – 12 months

Age 12 – 24 months

Age 24 – 36 months

Quantity 3

Light Up Resources

Fibre Optics

The most widely accessible of all the sensory equipment. Consists of a light box and 100 two metre fibre optic strands. Features LED lights and plastic 'sparkle' effect strands with an automatic colour change cycle. Safe to handle for children of all ages. Ideal for holding the child's attention and good for those with sensory avoidance.

Mains electric

Quantity 3

(Also available as part of a Sensory in a Suitcase)

Mood Egg

This robust plastic egg is 42cm high and can be used indoors or outdoors. It is operated using a remote control. You can choose individual colours or a colour changing cycle. It comes with a recharging station, each charge of 6 hours provides 8 hours of light

NB includes a flashing mode not suitable for those with photosensitive epilepsy.

Mains electric charger

Quantity 2

Multi Sensory

A variety of resources all together in one loan that provides items for therapy, play and learning at home. Designed to be used by the parent to provide sensory interaction with the child that all the family can enjoy.

Sensory Box

Our most popular item (formerly known as a Sensory Suitcase). The Sensory Box contains a wealth of sensory equipment to relax and stimulate. Can be used for therapy, education and play activities. Contents include: fibre optic lights; a projector; UV reactive items and UV torch; aromatherapy diffuser and oils; a nightlight or other lighted item; a vibration item; a natural sounds CD a play mat and a variety of tactile items.

Some battery operated items and some mains electric

Quantity 10

Mirror Chimeabout

A free standing carousel with mirrors and bells. Spin the Chimeabout round to watch the mirrors catch the light and hear the bells jingle.

Quantity 4

Soft Play

Soft play is designed to create a safer play environment.

Playring

A soft play vinyl playring with pockets, beads and tactile accessories. Designed to offer small children a safe comfortable and challenging play environment. It is a brightly coloured, vinyl coloured foam ring that comes in two halves that can be velcroed together.

Size 85cm in diameter

Quantity 1

Balance

Your sense of balance is also known as your vestibular sense. It provides us with information about movement, gravity and changing head positions and tells us if we are moving or stationary.

Hip Hop Jumping Mat

Provides hours of healthy fun. Has a strong padding and no frame or edges. The special springs are completely integrated and create pressure when jumping. Made of very durable structural material with a non-slip underside for safety. Position with care and supervise bouncing. Not suitable for more than one child at a time.

Size 116 x 76 x 25 cm

Quantity 6

Communication Aids

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) provides a means of communicating for those who are non-verbal.

BigMACK Communication Aid

This simple communicator has lots of uses! It's easy to record speech, music or any sound eg record a repeated phrase from a story or song for a user to play back at the right time. Ideal as a simple introduction to sound recording technology. Features a large single button, with 2 minutes recording. Comes with interchangeable tops in red, blue, yellow and green and an external switch jack for speciality switch operation

Battery operated

Quantity 3

AACtivity Communication Aid

A highly versatile communicator and musical device. Comes with 64 pre-recorded sounds including animal sounds; transport sounds and indoor and outdoor sounds. Also 8 pre-recorded songs from Happy Birthday to Baby Shark, the buttons light up to indicate which button to press to play along. You can also record your own sounds and messages on eight buttons each with 8 minutes of recording time.

Mains electric

Quantity 3

Bamba Baby Signing Kit

Helps your baby communicate before they can talk. The kit comes with an explanatory book and dvd and six soft toys to help your baby learn the Bamba signs for playtime; bedtime; food; drink; bath time and 'look at me'.

Age 6 months +

Quantity 1

SuperTalker FT

The SuperTalker FT features a Feather Touch activation surface that is sensitive enough to detect the lightest of touches. It includes eight recording levels that give you the ability to record up to 64 unique messages using a choice of 8, 4, 2 or 1 message grids. We have recorded a few examples to get you started, but you can record your own messages and use your own pictures or photos.

Battery operated

Quantity 1

GoTalk 4+ Lite Touch

This easy-to-use, 20 message, AAC device that supports those with limited-to-no-verbal speech throughout their daily activities.

Use to initiate conversations, support daily activities, talk on the telephone, tell personal anecdotes, express wants and needs, give instructions and participate in small or large group instruction. Communicate ideas and show what you know or comment in classroom activities.

Battery operated

Quantity 2

Attainment Talker24

The Attainment Talker is a lightweight, portable AAC device designed to provide easy and efficient communication. With 24 message locations and 10 seconds of recording time per message, this device offers a flexible solution for users who need quick, accessible speech support. Each of the ¾ inch active touch areas allows for easy activation, making it simple to use for individuals with varying dexterity levels.

Battery operated

Quantity 1

Weighted and Compression Items

Weighted items provide proprioceptive input. Proprioception is another name for body awareness and provides us with information about movement, position and pressure. Proprioceptive input can have a calming and organising effect for many children.

Weighted Blanket

Made from smooth polyester fabric on one side and very soft minky cuddle fabric on the other. Filled with glass beads evenly distributed across the blanket to provide proprioceptive feedback for those who need calming sensory input.

We have two weights of blanket, 1.5kg and 2.5kg. The child needs to weigh at least 15kg for the lighter one or 25kg for the heavier one.

Weighted blankets are not recommended for children under 2 and are not suitable for every child.

We require a 'Personalised Plan' to be in place, in accordance with The Royal College of Occupational Therapists guidance of January 2023, before we can lend one out.

If you need more information about this, please email Jan the Librarian on janetp@cerebra.org.uk for advice.

Machine washable

Quantity 5

Compression Sheet

Compression sheets can be used as an alternative to weighted blankets and provide a unique proprioceptive and deep pressure touch experience at night.

The Fidgetbum™ is designed to be used on the bed and is made from a four-way stretch cotton fabric. There is a central zip, so the child can un-zip it if they wish.

Machine washable

Quantity 4 single bed size

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