

# Seashell

## Seashell Wish List 2021

### Assistive Technology

Our children and young people all have limited or no functional speech, which means they might feel frustrated if they can't make themselves understood.

Thanks to our therapy programmes and total communication approach, all our students are given the opportunity to make sure their voice is heard. We believe that all our children and young people have the right to enjoy storytelling, express their own ideas and share information about their experiences.



**Communication devices** are an essential piece of equipment we use to enable most of our students to communicate and learn, with specialist apps and websites supporting their daily progress and achievements.

After a year-long trial we would now like to introduce **VR Headsets** into our pupil's learning experience. Throughout the trail staff were amazed at the impact of this type of learning had on our children. We aim to embed virtual reality into the curriculum and students will begin a learning journey using this technology to support their understanding of the world.

Item	Cost	Total
Virtual Reality Headsets	£300 each	£3,000
Supporting Technology e.g. Big switches etc.	£50 - £150 each	£1,500
Communication Devices	£2,500 - £3,000 each	£6,000
iPads	£500 each including protective screen, robust case and specialist apps.	£10,000

## Residential Home Enrichment

Our residential homes provide placements ranging from one night (respite) through to 52 weeks, meaning some of our children and young people live with us all year round. To offer a true 'home from home' experience we like to ensure that we are able to provide functional and enriching indoor and outdoor activities and experiences.

A large proportion of our population have multi-sensory impairments (MSI), which means they have both a sight and hearing impairment. We use MSI enrichment like olfactory devices that help children use scent to distinguish between different rooms, buttons and switches on walls and in each room to help them communicate, pads at the entrance to each room with either sound or braille to indicate what room it is as well as other sensory technology. Sensory rooms and equipment can be used as relaxation therapy, for motivation, anger management or simply for recreational pleasure.

Item	Cost
Sensory Toys, Games and Lighting	£1,500
Virtual Reality Headsets	£600 each
Various sensory aids, equipment and furnishings	£2500



## Health and Well Being Programme

Seashell Trust offers a number of health and fitness activities which are fully accessible for our children and young people and community users along with our Children's Able and Disabled Sports Clubs (CADS).

Our facilities include a fully inclusive fitness suite, swimming school and CADS Programme. We aim to provide a welcoming and accessible environment for all of our users by providing and addressing inequality in physical activity, reaching inactive populations, raise awareness of the benefits of exercise and to get more disabled people physically active.

Some of our equipment is reaching the end of its purposeful life and we would also like to provide new up-to date equipment to enhance our offer.

Item required	Cost
<b>Specialist trampoline with accompanying hoist</b> – supporting exercise, therapy and recreational activity	£4,860
<b>Fitness equipment</b> – a range of free weights, resistance bands, mats and weighted balls.	£1,000
<b>AV equipment</b> – TV, PA System and head microphone.	£2,000
<b>CADS equipment</b> – range of sports equipment including Boccia set, basketball kit, giant outdoor games, rhythmic gymnastics kit and an orienteering set.	£5,000
<b>Swimming Equipment</b> – various floats, water toys, teaching aids and lane ropes	£500



## Off-site Activities and Experiences: target = £2,000 per year

We would like to offer the children and young people here various opportunities to participate in activities and experiences that aren't always an option when families are considering an outing. We are able to provide the necessary support, care and transport to ensure our children and young people can experience all activities available to them when they are staying with us.

We would like to ensure trips to a variety of destinations such as Chill Factore, Knowsley Safari Park, Alton Towers, Mattel Play, Imagine That, Parris Wood Cinema, SPACE, Christmas Winter Wonderland and Blackpool Sandcastle Water Park, are available to our children and young people to enjoy, just like everyone else!



## Audiology Equipment

Our clinical and behavioural audiologists are experienced in working with children and young people with multi-sensory impairments, autism and communication difficulties. They use technology that has been specifically modified for children and young people with complex needs that allows them to carry out full hearing assessments on our site. This means that our pupils don't have to go to hospital or another medical setting that is unfamiliar to them.



Our therapy team are currently looking to invest in FM equipment, which will allow hearing impaired student's additional amplification to their personal hearing aids. These will increase the student's ability to hear in background noise and more complex environments not only opening the world up to them further but also helping with anxiety and any resulting challenging behaviours.

There are two transmitters we currently require. One is £318.00 and one is £346.80 and we need five of each.

## Stay And Play: up to £3,000

Accessible play resources for infants with very complex learning and care needs are scarce and those that already exist are oversubscribed. Stay and Play is a new scheme at Seashell which will offer specialist provision where infants with complex needs (aged 0-3) can come along with their parents and have fun engaging in activities which help to improve the child's development of communication, early exploration, movement and independence.

It will also give parents/carers the opportunity to engage with their children and help their child develop new skills through play. The focus for activities will be those that can be used at home as well as in the group. There will always be an experienced team of staff and volunteers to assist and share the fun.

Stay and Play will give parents/carers the opportunity to meet other parents/carers and specialist staff who can offer information, advice and support around helping children in their development.

We'd like to invest in more resources like baby rockers, light and sound toys, play mats and kitchen equipment to heat baby bottles.

