

Friends of Claremont



Claremont School
Henleaze Park
Bristol
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The Switch-Operated Toy Library

A Guide to the Service



Enjoy learning for living

Background Information

About the Toy Library

The Toy Library has over 200 toys specifically adapted for switch use. Switch operated toys are designed for children who have a physical impairment and so may have difficulty

playing with commercially available toys. Acting as a large button, the switches, usually activated by pressure, allow children with a physical impairment to interact with a toy and experience play.



The early introduction of

switches can be extremely beneficial for some children; switches allow access to a range of equipment in later life – computers, communication aids. There is a range of switches available to meet the physical needs of each child.

We have a range of toys that make noises, move and have flashing lights. Toys include moving vehicles, singing and dancing cuddly toys, speaking and flashing number and alphabet boards, as well as sensory items such as fans and vibrating pillows.

These toys can be expensive, and so the library provides a fantastic opportunity to access a huge number of toys for little or no cost.

Who is the toy library for?

This Library is available to both individuals and organisations within Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset. The library is for children who have difficulty playing with commercially available toys due to their physical impairment.

How can I access the toy library?

You can collect toys directly from the centre:

Claremont Primary
School Henleaze Park,
Westbury-on-Trym
Bristol BS9 4LR

It may be possible to have toys delivered to specialist centres, schools or to your home. Toys are usually loaned for a period of 4 weeks when you can return them, and exchange them for other switch-operated toys.

The Toy Library is a charity, and is dependent on donations to maintain and renew the toys. To help us continue our work we charge the following rates:

Families	£10 deposit (refundable)
Organisations	Up to 12 toys per year - £25
	Up to 30 toys per year - £50

If you would like to join the Toy Library please complete the tear-off slip on this leaflet and return it to us at Claremont School. Once we have received your application we will send you a toy catalogue.

Membership Form

I/we would like to join the Toy Library as...
(please tick)

A family

I/we enclose a **£10** deposit

An organisation

I/we would like:

- 12 toys per year - I/we enclose **£25**

- 30 toys per year - I/we enclose **£50**

Name

Your child's name
(if appropriate)

Date

Organisation

Address

Phone

Email

(please make cheques payable to **Friends of Claremont** and
email the form to toy.library@claremontbristol.org.uk)

