

# Ease of Access Settings



## What does this mean?

Pupils with a Vision Impairment may be unable to access the print, icons, menus and mouse cursor on computers within a school.

## Implications for Learning

Unless these features can be accessed, pupils with vision impairments are not able to independently access school technology alongside their peers. They may require assistance to read the screen or to operate certain functions for them.

## Ways to Help

Print size, mouse size and colour settings can be easily adjusted through Settings-Ease of Access on any Windows computer.

However, often schools have a Group Policy setup that restricts access for students to specified areas on Windows Devices, including Ease of Access.

Pupils with vision impairments need to be given access to the Ease of Access settings on all Windows machines they may log into at school.

Most IT Technicians will know how to achieve this for their own respective domains. If problems are encountered help can be found online:

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/troubleshoot/windows-client/group-policy/use-settings-app-group-policy>

Canonical names can be found here:

[https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ee330741\(v=vs.85\).aspx#EaseOfAccessCenter](https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/windows/desktop/ee330741(v=vs.85).aspx#EaseOfAccessCenter)