**Ten Top Tips for pupils with Learning Difficulties**

1. Classroom Organisation – use clear labels, with pictures if necessary, displayed where pupils can see them. Appropriate organisational adjustments make for good learning e.g. lighting/ seating / resources to hand.
2. Ensure that Learning Objectives and the lesson structure are tailored to suit all groups of pupils, taking into account the level the child is operating at; e.g. use tools such as
B-Squared to identify accurate level; use pictures to support the L.O.
3. Give instructions in small chunks, using language the pupils understands – support with visual cues – check by asking the pupil to say what it is they have to do – ensure all adults use this strategy consistently.
4. Introduce new vocabulary in advance – display new vocabulary visually and spend time with pupils using new vocabulary in a range of contexts. Create Word Mats and play word games to embed understanding
5. Use a range of recording methods – mindmaps, oral recording, Clicker & and Clicker Apps, Video, highlighting, cloze procedure
6. Lessons should be broken up to include brain-breaks, with continual checking and re-visiting the learning throughout the session to develop memory and understanding, not simply a plenary at the end of a lesson.
7. Incorporate a range of learning styles. Ensure lessons are as multi-sensory as possible -
8. Use thinking skills strategies to encourage independent learning. Consider:
	* Types of questions
	* Using Scan / Label / Focus techniques
	* Providing opportunities to compare, categorise and classify.
9. Ensure that feedback is meaningful and at the pupil’s level of understanding. Consider the child’s level of reading when giving written feedback.
10. Resources: Where adjustments are required, ensure that learning materials are carefully adapted. Laminate visual task planners for easy use. Ensure learning aids are readily available and accessible e.g. times-table squares, number squares, simplified writing frames, word mats, maths rule cards, key facts cards, alphabet strip, iPads, Voice Recorders etc.