**Ten Top Tips for pupils with Motor Skills Difficulties**

1. Seat the child at the front facing the board and class teacher and check that they have a good sitting position for working with their feet flat on the floor and arms on the table at the right height.
2. Give clear simple instructions and constant reminders, both oral and written, repeating important information and displaying key vocabulary with pictures.
3. Reduce the amount of material to be remembered – increase meaningfulness and familiarity of the material – and always link to previous knowledge.
4. Reduce the amount of written work that they have to do through teaching and encouraging the use of alternate ways of recording their work such as mind-maps and oral responses.
5. Reduce the clutter on worksheets so the important learning points are clear and simple to see.
6. Teach the child how to organise and plan their activities and give them time to do this
7. Never ask the child to copy from the board or rewrite messy work and always mark the content of work and never the presentation.
8. Provide a quiet area with few distractions to reduce stimulation if needed.
9. Allow extra time for dressing and undressing for PE. Show them how to organise their clothes to make this an easier task.
10. Find the child’s strengths and interests and build on them, praising at least one piece of work everyday.