

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to announce the continued availability of the Texthelp **Read&Write** literacy support software for use at home as well as in school.

This software can help pupils develop their literacy skills and support curricular access and it is most suitable for pupils from **KS2 through to the end of post-primary school**. However, the software can also be used in third level education or technical colleges and even into full-time employment.

Available for home use on any device your pupil uses, the software is available for **free download** on standalone devices in your school. This means that the software your pupil uses in school can now also be used at home for homework and study.

Read&Write enables pupils and students to read, write and express themselves more confidently and independently. It promotes inclusion and fosters progressive independence. For use anywhere, anytime and on any device, this discreet toolbar can help everyone engage with digital content in a way that suits their ability and learning style.

Read&Write is a piece of software that works as a ‘toolbar’ in conjunction with familiar tools such as Microsoft Word, Google Docs and web browsers. It offers a range of powerful support tools to help pupils gain confidence with reading, writing, studying and research:

- **Text-to-Speech** reads words, passages, or whole documents aloud with easy-to-follow dual colour highlighting
- **Text & Picture Dictionaries** provide definitions and displays images to help with word comprehension
- **Talk&Type** turns the spoken word into text, to assist with writing, proofreading and studying
- **Word prediction** offers suggestions for the current or next word to build writing skills
- **Collect Highlights** from text in documents or the web for summarising research and to create bibliographies
- **Audio Maker** converts selected text into an audio file, and automatically downloads
- **Simplify** text on web pages to remove ads and other content that can be distracting
- **Translate** single words or paragraphs of text into many different languages and hear them read aloud

## Getting set up with Read&Write

Visit [Literacy support for students in N.Ireland](#) where you will find step by step guides on how to install the software and get signed in using your child's C2K email address (@c2ken) and password. You can download the software on up to five devices with Windows, Chrome, Mac and iPad all supported.

Always use the pupil's **C2k email account** information when logging into Read&Write software with one minor amendment. For example, [another123@c2kni.net](#) is representative of your child's C2k email address, but when entering to download the software, you need to make a slight change and type in [another123@c2ken.net](#).

For any questions or queries, please contact Ciarna Wilkinson, Deputy Head of the Literacy Service (Locality South West), at [Ciarna.Wilkinson@eani.org.uk](mailto:Ciarna.Wilkinson@eani.org.uk).

Click [here](#) for more information on EA's Literacy Service.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joe Healy'.

Joe Healy

Head of Service - EA Literacy Service

**EA Children and Young People's Services Directorate**