

# Sensory Starter Kits



## Frequently Asked Questions

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### Q. Who can apply for a kit?

The eligibility criteria can be found on our website at [www.variety.org.uk/sensory](http://www.variety.org.uk/sensory). Applications can be made by an Education Professional (such as a teacher, SENDCO or school based Occupational Therapist). Parents & carers are also welcome to apply directly but must include contact details for an Education Professional who knows their child.

### Q. How do I apply for a kit?

To apply visit [www.variety.org.uk/sensory](http://www.variety.org.uk/sensory) and follow the link to the online application form.

### Q: What resources are in the kits?

There are 4 different kit types and while the contents will vary slightly depending on stock availability, they will broadly contain the following:

#### Option 1: Visual Kit

Glow gloves  
Space blanket  
Colour acrylic mirrors  
Spotty spinner ball  
Impact lightning ball  
Storage tub  
Slinky  
Sparkly play foam  
Spiral glitter wand x 4  
Colour changing egg

#### Option 2: Tactile Kit

Sensaring  
Tact-O  
Squiggle ball  
Vibration pillow  
Storage tub  
Space blanket  
Buggie & Hedgehog balls  
Sparkly play foam

#### Option 3: All-round Multi-Sensory Kit

Infinity light wand  
Flashing rainbow knot ball  
Diddy rainboshaker  
Massage tube  
Hedgehog ball  
Space blanket  
Aroma dough  
Rainbow slinky  
Water wiggly

#### Option 4: Calming Kit

Ear defenders  
Junior wobble cushion  
Sensory stress ball  
Weighted cuddly toy  
Tangle toy  
Chewbuddy sensory chew

### Q: I'm a Teacher, SENDCO or school based Occupational Therapist. How many kits can I apply for?

As we have a limited supply of kits, each school or ASN unit can make applications on behalf of 10 children. If you make more than 10 applications these will be placed on our waiting list for when more kits become available.

### Q. Where do I send the completed application form?

Applications can only be made online. There is a submit button at the end of the form - please ensure you click this when you have finished the application. You will then be taken to a confirmation page with more information on the next steps.

### Q. I want to apply for more than one family to get a kit. Do I need to complete an application form for each family?

Yes. Each application is for one child so we need each family's specific details.

**Q. I think a child I work with would benefit from two types of kit. Can they receive both?**

Unfortunately, due to demand, we can only supply a child with one kit each. Please select the kit that you think would be of most benefit to them.

**Q: If a family has more than 1 child, can they apply for more than 1 kit?**

Yes, provided that they meet the eligibility criteria. Each application is for one child so you would need to make a separate application for each.

**Q. How will I know if my application has been successful?**

Variety will contact the family by phone within 5 working days to confirm your successful application. The referrer will also receive an email confirmation that the application has been successful.

**Q. Will I be guaranteed my first preference kit?**

Kits will be distributed on a first come first served basis while stocks last. If your first choice kit is not available we will endeavour to supply your second choice.

**Q. How will the family receive the kit?**

The kit will be delivered by our supplier directly to the family. This minimises handling in the distribution process and ensures we can get the kit delivered as quickly as possible.

**Q. How long will my kit take to arrive?**

Your kit should arrive within 5 working days of your confirmation phone call from Variety. If it hasn't arrived within 7 days of this call please email us at [enquiries@variety.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@variety.org.uk)

**Q: What is your supplier doing to minimise the risk of spreading infection?**

Our suppliers are Rompa and Sensory Direct. Both companies are taking all necessary steps to ensure everyone's safety and following updated government guidelines. These precautions include washing hands, keeping staff distances, ensuring all surfaces are cleaned daily and the wearing of protective clothing at all times where relevant. The kits will be delivered directly to you from the warehouse in order to minimise contact with the package.

**Q. I am (or a member of the family is) self-isolating and/or shielding. Can I still receive a kit?**

Yes. The courier will be taking their own sensible precautions. If you have any specific requirements please put these into the Delivery section.

**Q. Do I need to pay anything for these kits?**

No. The kits are all funded by Variety and our sponsors.

**Q: Do we need to return the kits?**

No. They are all yours to keep.

If you still have further questions, please contact [enquiries@variety.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@variety.org.uk)