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Procurement for More Inclusive Education
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What is BESA?

BESA is the trade association for the UK’s education suppliers industry. We partner education suppliers – from start-ups to multinationals – to raise awareness of their products and services and drive up standards of education across the globe.
BESA – a quality mark for Ed suppliers
Becoming more inclusive

2021 – Published BESA’s Principles of Diversity and Inclusion. Outlines our Aim, our intentions, our curriculum content and resources and our ways of working.

Next steps:

Sharing UK SEN expertise internationally.
Continuous review of BESA’s Code of Conduct from diversity and inclusion perspective.
Thinking about accessible procurement

To help learners with disabilities:

- Ensure frameworks have flexibility to adapt to learner needs.
- Allow schools/learners to trial products before they commit. www.LendED.org.uk
- Ensure technical specifications allow for necessary adaptation and flexibility for individual learners needs – one size does not fit all – multi-paced, learning.
- Empower learners, families and schools to support their communities with flexible approaches to learning – National Star College UK leads the way in grass-roots employment and learning.

To help improve participation of inclusive employers:

- Ensure tender timescales are clear and lengthy enough to all wide participation
- Ensure documentation is available in a wide-range of formats and engagement events are accessible
- Ensure tenders use wording that enables smaller inclusive organisations to tender, rather than specific language relating to particular awards or qualifications
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