



Smirthwaite & Specialist Education: A Partnership for Progress

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Building stronger futures together

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Our vision

At Smirthwaite, we believe the most effective equipment is shaped by real-world experience. We aim to build a collaborative bridge between our design team and the experts on the frontline – your team and students. By partnering with schools like yours, we ensure our paediatric equipment genuinely empowers those who use it every day.

Smirthwaite has successfully partnered with a range of specialist education settings, including our ongoing collaborations with Bidwell Brook School and Vranch House School. Our goal is to deliver bespoke products, encourage knowledge sharing, and create collaborative learning opportunities, while providing schools with additional resources, support, and training.



How the partnership works

This is a reciprocal relationship designed to foster innovation while providing direct, meaningful support to your school community.

- Sponsorship & Funding:** Support for school events, fayres, and specific projects.
- Product Trials:** Schools trial Smirthwaite products and provide valuable feedback on performance and effectiveness, helping to inform and refine future designs.
- Equipment Support:** Priority access to new product releases, along with dedicated technical support.
- Photography & Content:** Capture how our products support students, contributing to promotional materials and case studies (with full consent).
- Event Support:** Sponsorship of school events to enhance community engagement and visibility.
- Equipment Donations:** We provide trial units or refurbished equipment as part of our feedback program, allowing us to capture imagery and showcase how our products empower your students.
- Case Studies:** Sharing success stories that demonstrate how Smirthwaite equipment positively impacts students' lives.





Why partner with Smirthwaite?

A voice in innovation



Resource & equipment support



Financial & event sponsorship



Professional development



Design collaboration

Your therapists and teachers help shape the future of adaptive equipment by providing clinical feedback.

Enhanced access

Receive priority access to the latest Smirthwaite innovations to support student development.

Event funding

Receive direct sponsorship for school-wide initiatives, events, and conferences.

Expert training

Benefit from expert-led training sessions for your staff to ensure best practices in equipment use.

Product trials

Gain early access to trial new prototypes, ensuring you find the best solutions for your specific student needs.

Product benefits

Benefit from equipment donations and exclusive early access to our newest product ranges.

Profile boosting

Use Smirthwaite's support to increase your school's visibility within the professional community.

Professional exposure

We highlight the incredible work of your staff through joint case studies and professional testimonials.

Partnership success stories

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Vranch House School: A positive example of collaboration with great feedback on our specialist chairs and standers.

Vranch House Charity, as one of the main therapy providers across East, Mid and North Devon, has developed a strong and productive working relationship with Smirthwaite, our well-known local paediatric equipment provider.

Smirthwaite's involvement in our Devon-wide therapy CPD day in October 2025 was particularly valuable, giving our team hands-on experience with both established and newly developed equipment. This practical exposure helps our therapists stay upskilled and confident in assessing children for safe, appropriate and effective equipment that supports functional independence and participation in daily life.

We have also appreciated the opportunity to trial prototype equipment during development. Being able to provide real-world clinical feedback ensures that, beyond meeting technical specifications, the products

remain user-friendly, accessible and easily adjustable for families and non-professionals.

This collaborative approach has strengthened our service and contributed to better outcomes for the children we support.

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Susanna Mitchell, Head of Therapies



Partnership success stories

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The service from Smirthwaite from start to finish was amazing. The staff were extremely friendly and understanding of the needs of the young person. The chair is of high quality, sturdy and supportive for the child to use. The bright vibrant colour is appealing and user friendly. The added footplate and tray enable the child to sit in a good position and be able to access toys and equipment at all times. As you can see from the photos Mary loves her new chair.

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Ali Yeates,
Therapy Manager

Bidwell Brook School:
This ongoing partnership has led to numerous successful product trials and case studies



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Interested in joining Our Partnership?

We would love to welcome new schools into our partnership network. This is about more than just equipment; it's about a shared commitment to improving the lives of children with special educational needs.

To move forward, we will need:

- Agreement on product trial details.
- Photo release consent.
- Confirmation on event sponsorship opportunities.

Let's shape the future together.



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