

6: Creating a Multi-Sensory room

6A: Introduction to Multi-Sensory Rooms including advantages and disadvantages

Advantages of a multi-sensory room

- A highly controllable sensory environment where specific stimulation activities can be created to meet a learner's sensory need/skill
- Possibilities for creative learning are limited only by the practitioner's imagination
- A quiet focused work space in contrast to a busy classroom



Advantages of a multi-sensory room

- Suits individual and group work
- Good storage creates a clear distraction free environment
- Can be used to deliver curriculum subjects



Advantages of a multi-sensory room

- An experiential learning environment for all learners, not just those with SEND
- Learning in the classroom can be extended in the multi-sensory room and vice versa



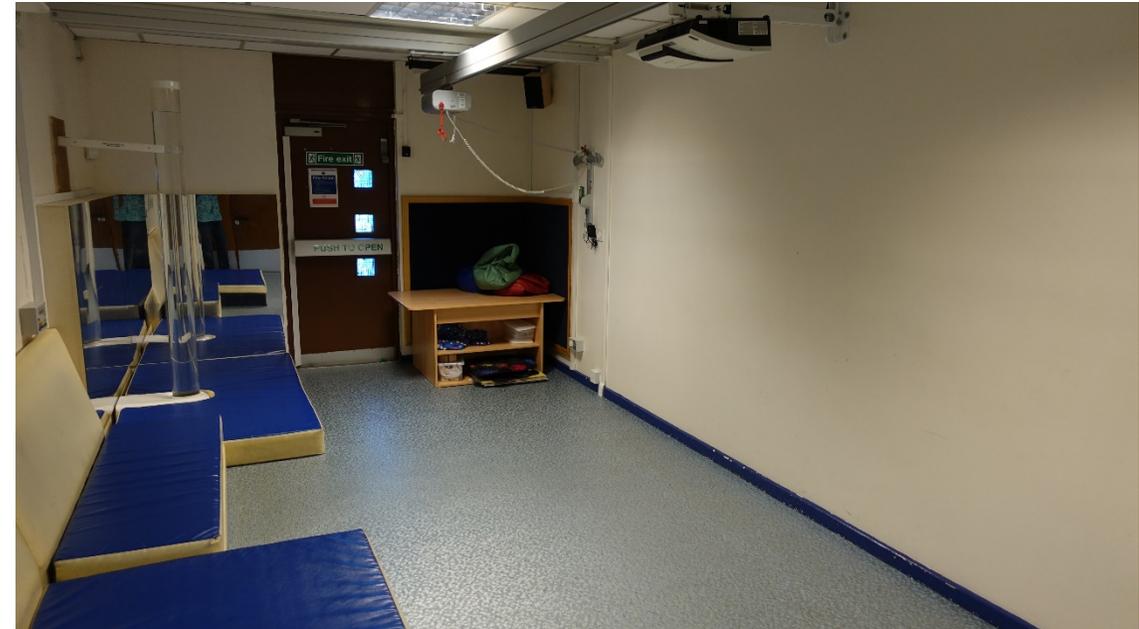
Disadvantages of a multi-sensory room

- Often timetabled so it may not be available to use when your learners need it
- Expensive to build and maintain
- A fixed environment which may be less adaptable to meet learners needs



Disadvantages of a multi-sensory room

- Training is required to ensure that the equipment is used correctly
- Can be used inappropriately becoming a 'dumping ground' for learners with no clear learner objectives identified



Disadvantages of a multi-sensory room

- Misuse of the equipment can result in breakages which are time consuming and expensive to repair
- Needs a 'Multi-Sensory Room Coordinator' to ensure room is fully functioning at all times

