

EdTech Check

Use me to ask better questions
about EdTech products

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How to use this tool

EdTech Check is an evidence evaluation tool, designed to help you make more confident, evidence-informed decisions around EdTech.

There are four steps for you to follow:

- ✓ Step 1: Take a look at the 'EdTech needs checklist' to help you clearly identify your product requirements.
- ✓ Step 2: Use our handy 'product questions' to find out more about products you are interested in.
- ✓ Step 3: Use the 'comparison table' to help you determine which products have most potential.
- ✓ Step 4: Take a deep dive into the evidence-base for your chosen product to inform your decision and next steps!

This resource is a condensed version of the tool, focusing on the first three steps - keep me to hand when you are talking to companies about their EdTech products!

1. EdTech needs checklist

Before you speak to anyone, ask yourself...

- What is the problem I am trying to address (and how have I identified this)?
- Who will be using the product (and what are their needs)?
- What factors do I need to consider around implementation?
- What would stop me from committing to an EdTech product?
- How will I know if a product has been successful?
- What are the technical / safety / data or other requirements I need to be aware of?

Your answers to these questions will help you to consider the right technological fit for you and your setting.

2. Product questions

Use these questions when talking to companies about their EdTech products

What educational need or problem does your product address and how does it do this?	How long will it take to implement the product and how easy it is to use?
What evidence do you have to support your claims and how strong is this evidence?	Do you have evidence that shows your product working in settings like mine?
How does your product support accessibility and users with SEND?	How safe is your product to use? Does it use AI and what data does it collect from users?

Short on time? Ask this:

If I was using ONLY your product in my classroom - for 15 minutes a day - what outcome would I expect to see and what evidence do you have to support this?

3. Comparison table

Score each product from 0-3 based on how well each aligns with your needs

- 0 = poor fit, unlikely to meet my needs
- 1 = some alignment, but with concerns
- 2 = good fit, minor concerns
- 3 = strong fit, minimal concern

Product name	Score

4. Deep dive into the evidence

It's vital that decisions around Education Technology are rooted in research and evidence about what works.

As part of the EdTech Evidence Board project, delivered by the Chartered College of Teaching and funded by the Department for Education, we have developed a free EdTech Check tool which includes a systematic framework you can use to undertake a more comprehensive appraisal of the evidence-base for a specific EdTech product in order to evaluate its potential for enhancing teaching and learning in your setting.

You can download the full tool and other resources using the QR code.

