TRANSCRIPT: ACC: Eye pointing

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Becky's journey to using her MyTobii started with just simple switches, which were programmed in school, such as BIGMacks.

She then moved onto a Scan 4. She had to use her eyes to scan that but she needed to operate it by using a switch or touching a panel with her hands. That became increasingly difficult for her but she'd already developed the skills to scan something at that stage, and her parents began to look for what else was available, and they found the MyTobii in America.

It's, basically, just like any other computer and it's built up in layers. So, you open a file and you go into that and from that you can have other files, and that's how Becky accesses the computer but she does it through eye-pointing, and it's a very accurate piece of equipment and it can be used as quickly as you or I would use a PC.

She used to have to have it on a table but, this year, we've been able to have it attached to her wheelchair and that's made a difference because we can take her anywhere in the school with it attached to the chair.

Now she can demonstrate her understanding of her lessons without just having 'yes' and 'no' answers because on her screen will be a series of icons and it's up to her to select the icon that she wants to use as the answer. We've had to work quite hard on that to make sure the answers that she has options for are programmed into the computer.

Socially, she just loves chatting to people and it also means that she can self-advocate, which is a huge thing. She has a voice that she can use now.

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