Guided Access

Guided Access is a new feature built into iOS 6 to help users with autism remain on task and focused on the app that they are using. It also allows users with involuntary movements an easier way of controlling the apps, as users can be 'locked' in an app, meaning that accidental gestures do not affect the iDevice. Guided Access also allows a parent, carer or teacher to limit the iDevice to one app by disabling the home button, as well as restricting the touch input on certain areas of the screen.

To use Guided Access please follow these steps:

	Touch the settings icon on the main screen of your iDevice.
	Once you are in the settings scroll in the left column and touch the General tab. Then in the right pane touch the Accessibility option.
	Once you are in the Accessibility pane, scroll down until you can see Guided Access and touch it.

Once you are in the Guided Access pane, touch the on/off switch to turn guided access on.

Then touch Set Passcode.

Enter a four digit pass code of your choice, and re-enter it a second time to confirm the code.

Guided access is now set up and ready to be used in apps.

Using Guided Access

To use Guided Access you first need to enter an app. In this example we are using Scene & Heard. Once you are in the app, press the home button three times in quick succession, then follow these steps:

After you have pressed the home button three times in the app you will be shown this Guided Access setup screen.

In this screen you can turn off touch completely, turn off the effects of device rotation and draw in masked areas.

The home button is rendered inactive in guided access mode, apart from three presses to re-enter the Guided Access setup mode.

Guided Access allows you to 'mask' off an area of the screen that you do not want a user to be able to activate. This may be a settings button, or a part of the app that is inappropriate for them to use.

Here we are going to mask off the symbols at the bottom of the scene.

To do that, draw a rough circle around them with your finger.

Once you have drawn the rough circle with your finger, the Guided Access functionality will work out exactly which part of the app you are masking.

You can then adjust the size of the mask with the white corner handles, or move the mask around by touching it with one finger within the mask area.

You can place as many masks on screen as you need. Press the blue start button at the top of the screen when you are happy with all of the settings and masks you have placed.

When you return to the app you will see the masked areas are hidden beneath a light grey overlay, and they do not respond to touch.

If you try and press the home button to exit the app, you will be shown a message asking you to press the home button three times to exit the Guided Access mode.

Once you have pressed the home button three times, you will be asked to enter the pin code you used when you set up Guided Access in the settings.

Once you have entered the pin number you will be taken back into the Guided Access settings, where you can either adjust the settings, or end the Guided Access support by pressing the grey End button on the top left corner of the screen.