

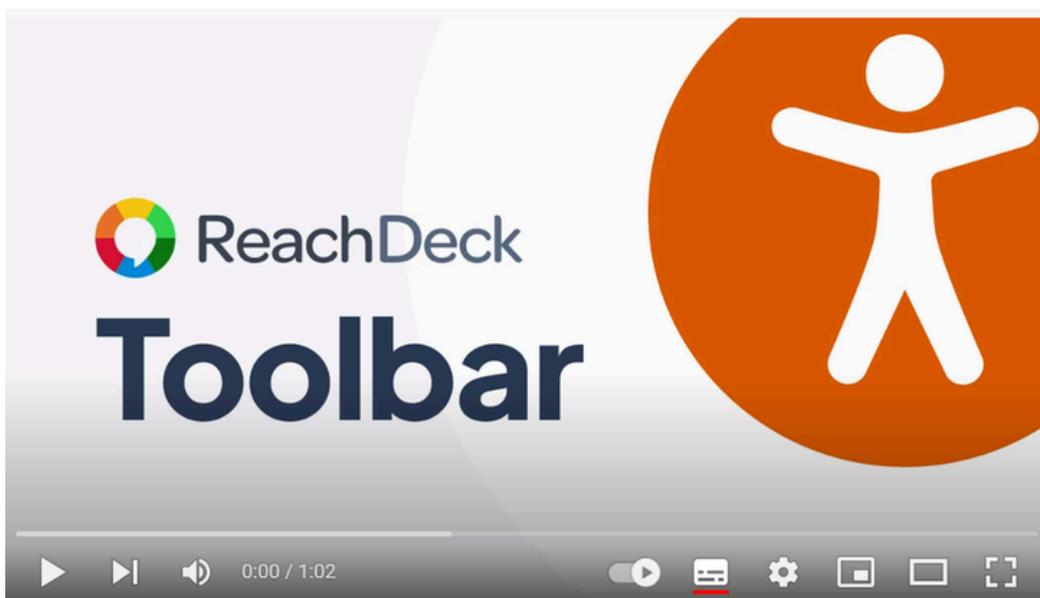


# Introducing ReachDeck

ReachDeck helps make our websites easier for everyone to use. It's a free online toolbar that helps people read, listen and translate web content on their own. It will work on computers, tablets and mobiles.

ReachDeck is great for anyone who:

- Finds reading tricky (like people with dyslexia)
- Can't see well
- Wants to hear text read aloud
- Reads information in their own language

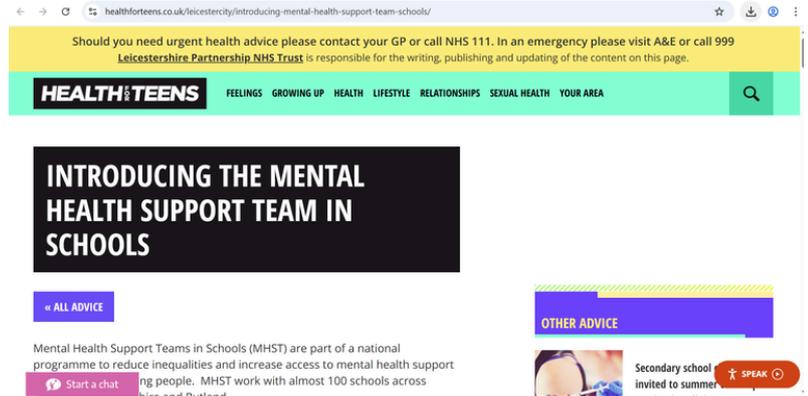


[Click here](#) (or on the image above) to view a video showing how the ReachDeck toolbar works or visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=riS0WDF4RXQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riS0WDF4RXQ)

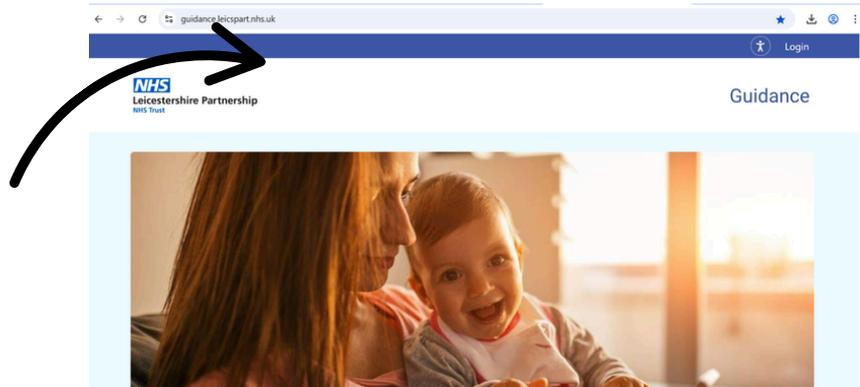


# How do I use Reachdeck?

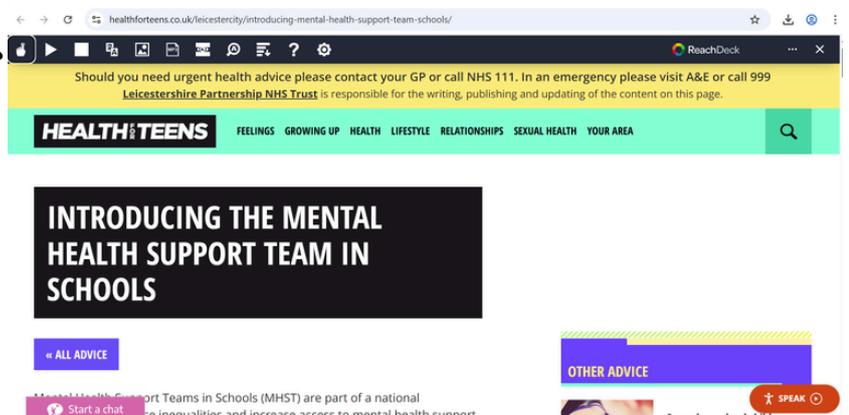
By clicking the orange 'Speak' icon on any of our websites, the ReachDeck toolbar will launch and sit at the top of the webpage, staying there as you scroll down the page.



If you are visiting our Guidance website, the icon will be blue and in the top right hand corner.



The Reachdeck toolbar is this black strip that appears at the top of your screen with white icons. Read the next page to find out what each icon does.



# How it works



The black ReachDeck toolbar will sit at to the top of the webpage, staying there as you scroll down the page.



You can then start to enjoy the features that ReachDeck has:

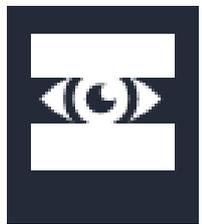
**Text-to-speech:** reads the text out loud while highlighting at the same time



**Translation:** translates the text into over 100 languages and reads it out loud in 49 languages



**Screen mask:** puts a coloured layer over the screen and shows a clear spot to help you focus on one part at a time



**Picture dictionary:** displays the word meaning through pictures



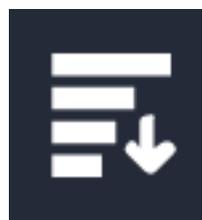
**Text magnifier:** magnifies text and reads it aloud



**MP3 maker:** turns text into an audio file that you can listen to later



**Webpage simplifier:** removes graphics and just leaves the words so it's easier to read



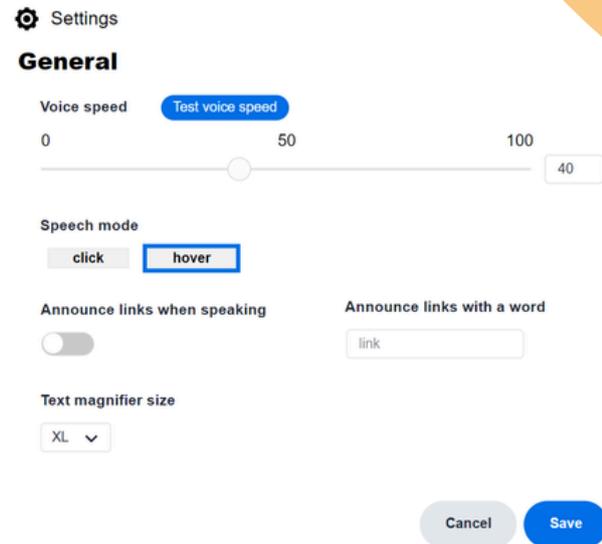
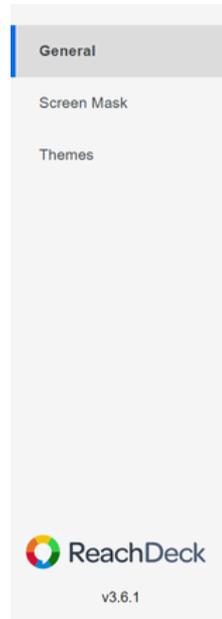
# Personalisation



Clicking the little cog on the toolbar lets you change how ReachDeck works for you.

You can:

- Pick how fast the voice reads
- Choose colours for highlighting text
- Change the screen background colour
- And more — so it's just right for you!



## Reading and translating PDFs

ReachDeck works on documents too!

If there are flyers or leaflets on our website (like PDFs), ReachDeck can:

- Read them out loud
- Translate them into other languages

This helps everyone understand the information more easily.

### Top tip

To make ReachDeck work with a PDF on our website, you need to click the ReachDeck icon to turn it on before clicking the PDF link.

The PDF will then open with the ReachDeck toolbar ready to use.