

AV Screen Buying Guide for Schools & Trusts

A quick guide to planning, buying
and installing AV screens





Why are you investing?

- ✓ Replace ageing projectors / whiteboards
- ✓ Improve visibility and sound in teaching spaces
- ✓ Support more interactive teaching
- ✓ Upgrade halls, receptions and meeting rooms
- ✓ Standardise kit across a school or trust

You won't need the same screens everywhere, so it's helpful to think in room types: classrooms, large teaching spaces, halls, offices/meeting rooms, and public areas.

Key decisions



Screen size

Typical choices:

- **65"** – most classrooms
- **75"** – deeper rooms / larger groups
- **86"+** – halls and big spaces

Check: can pupils at the back read text, and do you have enough clear wall?



Interactive vs non-interactive

- **Interactive** – annotation, pens, touch; best for classrooms, SEN and training rooms.
- **Non-interactive** – display only; good for halls, signage and some meeting rooms.

Often a mix (interactive in classrooms, non-interactive in halls/public areas) gives best value



Wall-mounted vs mobile

- **Wall-mounted:** permanent, tidy, no floor space used.
- **Mobile / trolley:** one screen shared across rooms, handy for halls and overflow spaces.

Check: wall type, power/data, height, door widths and storage.



Connectivity & audio

Confirm:

- Inputs you need (HDMI, USB-C, wireless connection)
- Whether you want built-in PC/OPS (Open Pluggable Specification) or will always use laptops
- Audio needs – built-in speakers vs soundbar / external speakers in halls



Practicalities



Installation & disruption

- Term time vs holiday work
- Access to halls, receptions and secure areas
- Any “no drilling” or listed building constraints
- Expectations around cable routes and finish



Staff confidence

- Short, simple training at go-live
- Quick “how to” prompts by each screen



Cost, support and sustainability



Look beyond headline price

- Warranty length and what it actually covers
- On-site vs return-to-base support
- Response / fix times
- Included services: install, training, removal of old kit



Build in sustainability

- Take-back and recycling of old kit
- WEEE-compliant disposal
- Energy use and power-saving features
- Refurbished options for non-teaching spaces (where appropriate)



Using the Everything ICT framework

How we support you:

- ✓ Stay **compliant** without running your own full tender
- ✓ Use **pre-vetted AV suppliers** who understand schools and trusts
- ✓ Choose how you buy – three quotes, mini-competition, or direct award
- ✓ Turn your notes into a **clear, compliant brief** and benchmark proposals



One-page requirements snapshot

- ✓ Rooms and types: classrooms, halls, offices, public areas
- ✓ Approx. screen sizes and where you'd like interactivity
- ✓ Wall-mounted, mobile or a mix
- ✓ Key connections and audio needs
- ✓ Any install constraints (term time/holidays, building limits)
- ✓ Minimum warranty and support expectations
- ✓ Whether recycling and energy efficiency are "must haves"

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Share this outline with Everything ICT and we'll help you shape it into a specification suppliers can respond to, so you get the right AV screens, in the right places, with minimal disruption.

➞ **Speak to the team**

➞ **How it all works**

