

TESTIMONIALS



Vibrating Weighted Lap Buddy – Guinea Pig (SS45281)

Abigail Hawkins, the SENSible SENCO, shares her thoughts and views on the TTS Vibrating Weighted Guinea Pig Lap Buddy. Read on to find out what she thought.



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Introducing the TTS Vibrating Weighted Guinea Pig

The TTS Group's Vibrating Weighted Lap Buddy and Blanket is a sensory tool that ingeniously combines charm with functionality.

Firstly, you're introduced to an endearing lap buddy in the guise of a tactile guinea pig – instantly captivating children (and adults alike!). This isn't just about aesthetics; it serves as comforting companionship for children who require additional sensory input while providing a surprising heft that grounds users.

Then there's its companion piece – the weighted blanket. Although only 12" x 12", this compact marvel packs quite a punch! It employs deep pressure touch stimulation (DPTS), scientifically proven to increase serotonin levels – our body's very own 'happy hormone'. This can help create feelings of security, reducing anxiety or restlessness in children.

What sets this Vibrating Weighted Lap Buddy apart from others?

What sets this guinea pig apart from others is its unique vibrating feature which provides soothing tactile stimulation - invaluable for many individuals with sensory processing difficulties. Despite these multifaceted functionalities packed into one product, both items remain surprisingly lightweight making transportation around school or home environments effortless!

Durability also scores high on my list when reviewing products intended for regular use by young learners. The Vibrating Weighted Lap Buddy & Blanket seems robust enough even after extensive usage while being gentle on delicate skin thanks to the soft materials used in construction. "More than just a charming companion, the Vibrating Weighted Lap Buddy and Blanket is your sensory superhero in disguise!"

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My personal experiences with the Vibrating Weighted Guinea Pig

Now onto my personal experience: At a recent exhibition, I had the pleasure of borrowing this charming little chap from TTS Group's stand. Throughout the day he was introduced to other attendees! Not only did he provide me with calming tactile feedback, but his popularity soared amongst everyone else too! He nearly didn't make it back to his rightful place at TTS' stand!

In conclusion...

In conclusion? Adults and children alike could benefit from the calming effects of this product. The Vibrating Weighted Lap Buddy & Blanket gets my endorsement as an effective multi-functional tool that not only provides comfort but also delivers therapeutic benefits seamlessly integrated within its design framework catering specifically towards SEN pupils' needs.

Gentle reminder:

However, a gentle reminder: Each child is unique so their response to sensory tools can vary. Therefore, while this Guinea Pig Lap Buddy has been a star in my experience, it's crucial to consider each child's individual needs when introducing new sensory tools.

HAPPY SENSORY EXPLORING!



Many thanks to Abigail Hawkins, the SENSible SENCO for writing this review.



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Sophie House, an Early Years Practitioner and mum to a 6-year-old with autistic Spectrum Disorder explains how the weighted guinea pig was used for regulation and as part of a bedtime routine.



I decided to try the sensory pet guinea pig and weighted blanket with my 6-year-old son who has been diagnosed with ASD. From the start, he was very intrigued by this toy.

The guinea pig vibrates when you pet it and is slightly weighted too for an additional sensory experience. The fur is very soft too. For a sensory seeking child like my son, it was really nice to see him curled up on the sofa pretending to feed it and building a little cardboard box home for it. He also wants us to make some felt food e.g. lettuce/carrot or a little pet carrier for it.

It was really useful at bedtime. He would wind down with the guinea pig, a book and the weighted blanket as opposed to over stimulating screen time. I've noticed by adding these things to his bedtime routine, he is getting to sleep so much quicker and has had much better quality of sleep.

As a result, he has had limited melt downs, and he sees time with the guinea pig as a reward. He also shared this toy with his friend who has ADHD and they played taking turns stroking the guinea pig for about an hour! His mum asked to borrow it for a weekend and found it to be very calming when her son was experiencing sensory overload in normal stressful and busy periods of the day. He would sit and stroke the guinea pig and do breathing exercises to calm himself. It's definitely a resource that can support many children who have additional needs.

Many thanks to Sophie House for sharing this review with us.