Accessibility - using a screen reader within PebblePad

PebblePad supports the latest versions of both Jaws and NVDA screen readers. This tipsheet has been produced using the Jaws screen reader.

Homepage navigation
When entering via the homepage, the following Jaws shortcut keys exist:

**Insert + F5** - lists key form elements on the PebblePad homepage. Tab and return to select the action you wish to mate.
Insert + F6 - lists main headings on the homepage. Tabbing and clicking return allows for quick access to the various homepage cards.
**Insert + F7** - Displays a list of quick links on the homepage that include quick access to ATLAS and your asset store.

(System menu)

**System menu**

Our system menu is the quick and easy way to navigate PebblePad. Screen readers recognise the menu as a navigation and the collapsible sections within it.
PebblePad tab prompts

**Alt + 1** - To go to the Add content menu to select blocks you want to add to your page

**Alt + 2** - To go to the properties options of the block you are working on

**Alt + 3** - To go to the formatting toolbar to select an option to format your text

**Alt + 4** - From the properties pane, jump back to the block you are working on

**Alt + s** - To save your work

**Alt + p** - To go to the preview mode and then back to edit mode

**Alt + n** - To go to the navigation bar

**Alt + up arrow OR Alt + down arrow** - To move a whole section up or down a section when rearranging blocks

**Alt + i** - To go to the quick help section

**Alt + Esc** - From the formatting toolbar, to close the opened formatting option

Template (response mode)

Template labels are classed as headings so using the Insert + F6 menu allows for quicker navigation throughout a complex template.
Aria Labels

Aria labels are used in assistive technologies to explicitly tell the user to perform an action on an element or the consequences of performing the given action. Aria labels provide additional instruction to that of standard labels. Currently, aria labels have been refined on the home screen and it's connecting pages.

Our commitment to improving the system

We are committed to providing the best possible support for the WCAG 2.0 guidelines not only at level A, but level AA and AAA where possible. For us this is an ongoing process of improvement and refinement. We actively work with many of our customers to enhance our support for assistive technologies and general usability, and as a result WCAG 2.0 specific improvements feature in every major PebblePad update.

If you'd like to contribute towards refining our accessibility support, please feel free to email Sarah (Product Owner) at Sarah@pebblepad.co.uk.