

# Obi - A helping (robotic) hand at mealtimes



The simple things in life are among the best, such as enjoying a home cooked meal with friends and family. Obi is an utterly ingenious device that makes the dining experience easier and more dignified.

You might think that anything 'robotic' has got to be complicated to use. Happily, with Obi, the complicated bits are on the inside, leaving users with just two buttons to think about: an on/off button and one to save the feeding delivery position. Its primary strength is that it's just so easy to use.

The user simply sits at the table and using the feeding arm, 'shows' Obi (just once), where they are in relation to the bowls. Pressing the 'save' button means that Obi now knows where you are and can help you to enjoy your meal by scooping up a spoonful of food and passing it gently into the users mouth.

## Simple

The procedure is so straightforward that it's no effort to 'teach' it once for every mealtime, since the user is likely to be positioned in a slightly different place as they draw up to the dining table.

Obi's design blends cutting-edge robotics, practical and stylish design with intuitive controls. Obi is ideal for both children and adults, who have difficulty feeding themselves. All they need is the ability to safely, and successfully operate a simple machine as well as the ability to chew and swallow without assistance. (It can be operated with any part of the body that can activate an accessibility switch.) Obi is particularly suitable for users with: Motor Neurone Disease, Cerebral palsy, Muscular dystrophy, Multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and spinal cord injury.

Obi is also incredibly practical. Because it's so light (3.6kg) and compact it can be taken with you and set up in seconds at friend's homes, school, restaurants or anywhere else where you want to eat.

## Safe

It's also safe for anyone to use since the unit sits on a non-skid pad that grips the table top. The unit rarely needs to be moved since the 're-showing' process before each meal adjusts to any differences in position since the last meal – and it could easily be



stationed in somebody's favourite place at the table. Of course, the specially designed plate (that holds four courses and is made with food/microwave/dishwasher/freezer safe materials) can be removed, as can the interchangeable spoons that are held in place by magnets and specifically designed for comfort and efficient food capture.

Obi is a brilliant device that will undoubtedly restore dignity, independence and wellbeing. People belong around tables at mealtimes and nobody should miss out on that.

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Price: **£5,495**