

# Communication Workshops for families

#### **Total Communication**

(Great first workshop for new pupils to Glyne Gap school)

Do you want to understand and discuss what communication means for your child and how to be a good communication partner?

- Learn what the different communication systems are and why/how and when to use them to support your child at home.
- -Learn what the teacher means by 'receptive' and 'expressive' and what their Communication Goals mean.

#### Developing Early Communication skills

Is your child pre-formal communication system (PECs, book, signing) Do you want to know what YOU can do to develop and support your child at the early stages of communication?

- Learn what the early communication skills are and look like.
- Learn how to grow these skills at home.
- Learn what intensive interaction is and how this supports early communication and interaction.

#### Early Receptive (understanding) and signing

Does your child find change in routine, finishing a preferred activity or doing a less preferred

- activity difficult?
  Learn what visuals may support your childs understanding ( now/traffic lights/structures).
- Learn basic signs that are used to support your childs understanding in school that would be useful to use at home.
- Learn how to use visual supports to make changes in routine easier for your child.
- Enable your child to understand what they are doing now/next and throughout their day.

### Receptive - How to use visuals

(now/next/then,check-lists and sequence strips)

Would you like to enable your child to complete simple tasks as independently as possible and contribute to their families and own lives...

- Be able to support your child to use visuals in the community such as doing some shopping or going to a cafe.
- Learn how to support your child to use visuals to complete set tasks such as, dressing, cooking or washing up.

## Creating Opportunities in the home

Would you like your child to use their communication at home with everyone and be more independent but unsure how with the challenges of home life, work and other children?

- Learn simple and practical ways to incorporate your child's communication into home life and the community.
- Chance to discuss challenges in communicating at home and find solutions that work for your child and family.

## **Drop in Resource Making Workshop**

- Every small term.
- Opportunity to update your child's Communication system at home i.e. new PECs symbols or to add different choices to Communication books.
- Make resources for a new event/change of routine or a holiday.
- Learn how to make resources with support of Communication Team.

# Term 4

Creating greater opportunities for my child to communicate- 5th March Developing Early Communication skills - 19th March @10-12am Parent drop in resource making workshop - 2nd April @10-12am

# Term 5

Early Receptive (understanding) and signing - 30th April @10-12am Receptive, how to use visuals - 14th May @10-12am Parent drop in resource making workshop - 21st May @10-12am

## Term 6

Parent drop in resource making workshop - 9th July @10-12am