

Communication

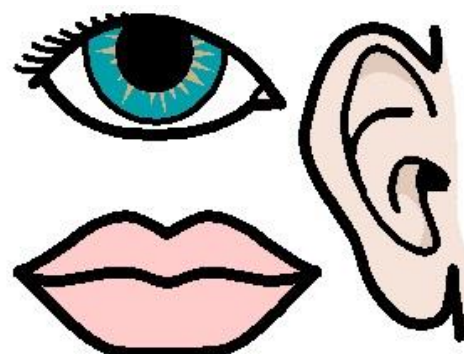


“Where everyone has a voice”

Communication is taught and used in a variety of ways at Brackenfield School.

Communication lessons aim to:

- Support functional skills and enhance communication at every opportunity
- Encourage and help pupils become independent and sociable young adults at every given opportunity
- Help each pupil to be vocal and express their own individual needs and wants through a variety of different approaches, ie Makaton signing, Communicate in Print and PECS symbols.



The Elklan programme is also used to help understand and encourage communication. Colourful semantics are used to help the pupils with sentence structure and content.

Elklan Programme

The Elklan Programme is designed to support children with communication difficulties, particularly pupils with processing, understanding or physical difficulties. It involves assessing the individual needs and then ensuring that work and support is supportive of their level of need. It consists of planned activities that support and develop the appropriate language for where they are and their use of processing information and sequencing using a variety of interesting and fun lessons.

Colourful Semantics

Using subject (orange), verb (yellow), object (green) and adjective (blue) cards, the pupil will begin to construct simple questions and use the coloured cards to create simple

sentences to assist with reading and writing development. The sentences are constructed based on an action picture, which they then use the words to describe and communicate about.



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