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Parent Information Programme 2

Social Communication and Interaction Difficulties



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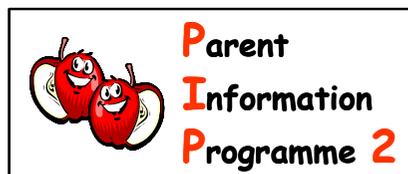
An Overview of the Parent Information Programme 2

The programme is designed for parents of children under five with severe social communication and interaction difficulties.

The course consists of eight sessions of 3 hours each. Each session offers opportunities to listen to information from experienced professionals, share ideas with other parents and make practical resources. There is a suggested strategy or resource to try out each week at home.

Parents are offered two places per family. One of the places must be taken by a parent but if it is not possible for both parents to attend they may wish to bring another family member, friend or professional who spends time with the child.

Each person will be given a PIP 2 file in which to keep their course notes, resources, information sheets and anything useful people share along the way.



Following on

From now on it is up to you! We hope you won't be alone though and will keep in touch with other members of the group. We will get in touch with you in a few months to see how you are getting on.



Further Information

For further information / informal chat please contact:

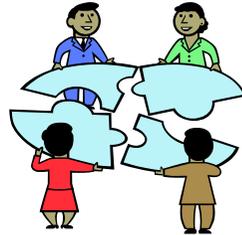
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Content of the Course

Week 7 **Challenge**

We all know that bringing up a child with communication difficulties can be challenging in all sorts of ways. In this session we show you ways to investigate the reasons for your child's behaviour and think about how to make changes.



As a group we will work on problem solving real situations and hopefully you will all go away with something to try.

Week 8 **Preparation**

Special occasions and new or infrequent events can be challenging for children with communication difficulties and their families. Using the knowledge and strategies you have learned during the course we will look at ways of making these events easier for everyone by planning ahead.



We will also be celebrating the fact that you have completed eight weeks of the course and giving you your PIP certificate!



Content of the Course

Week 1 **Communication**

We start with a chat to get to know each other and something about the children. We will look in detail at how all children develop language and communication skills and how your children might be developing and using communication.



This session contains quite a lot of teaching content but as the weeks go on there will be more talking and doing!

Week 2 **Intervention**

In this session we go over all the areas of communication and interaction and look at ways in which you can play a part in making a change.

We finish by looking at play skills in particular. This includes a 'hands-on' session with our toys and planning an activity to try out with your child.



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Week 3 **Consistency**

This session focuses on the first of our key words, which is consistency. We look at how routines can be used to teach children new skills for leisure time and every day routines such as dressing.



Week 4 **Structure**

We explain and demonstrate what 'structured teaching' is and how it can help children understand and learn new skills.

We see how structuring the child's environment can help them cope with new experiences and change.

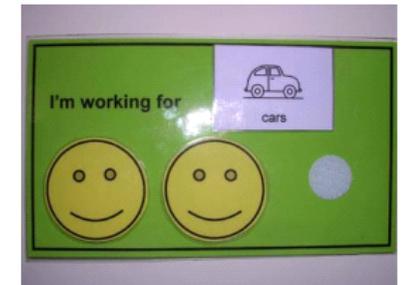


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Week 5 **Motivation**

In this session we investigate the power of motivation and reward to help children communicate, cooperate and learn new skills.

We will make practical resources to help your child make independent choices.



Week 6 **Visual**

We all rely on visual information to help us interpret the world and find our way around. Children with communication difficulties need this visual support even more and we give you ideas for all the areas where you could use this strategy.

We will have a wealth of resources available to help you choose something you could use to make a difference at home.

