



St George's C of E Primary School

Parent Coffee Morning – 4th November 2022

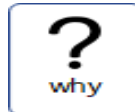
Communication



What is communication?



How do we communicate?



Why we communicate?



Understanding communication

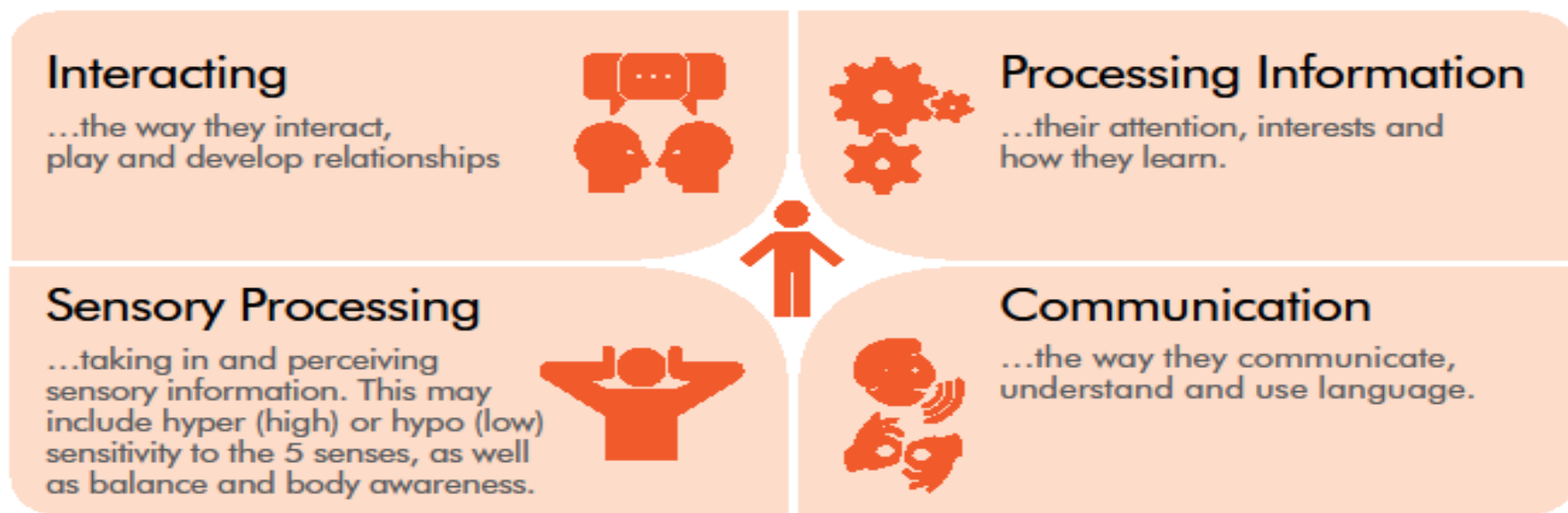


Strategies to support and develop communication.



Four key areas of difference

Every child on the autism spectrum will have a range of abilities within each of these areas. Many pupils on the spectrum have high levels of anxiety. Pupils on the autism spectrum have differences in:





What is Communication?

- the imparting or exchanging of information by speaking, writing, or using some other medium.
- the successful conveying or sharing of ideas and feelings
- means of sending or receiving information, such as telephone lines or computers



How do we communicate?

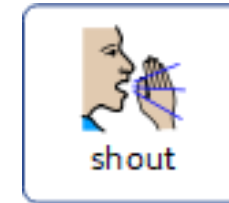
Think about how you communicate with people.....

How do you do it and what skills do you need?

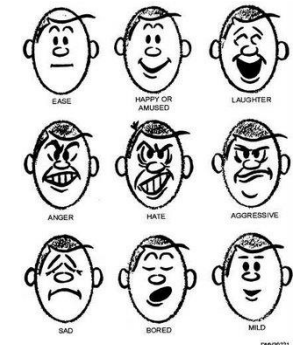
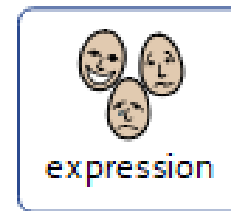
Share some thoughts of different ways of communicating

How do we communicate?

Verbal – spoken word or vocalisations, tone of voice, talking, shouting, whispering, face to face, on the phone, Skype, TV, radio

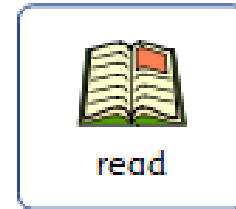
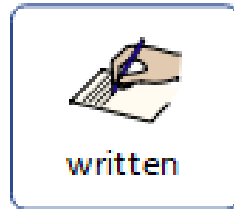


Non –verbal - eye contact, facial expressions, gesture, posture, physical distance (about 70% of communication is non-verbal), how we dress or act

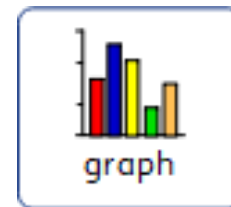


How do we communicate?

Written communication – letters, emails, texts, books, magazines, internet



Visualisations – graphs, charts



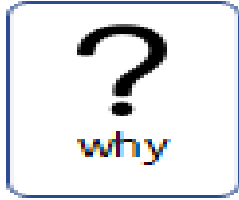


How do we communicate?

Think about your child.... how do they communicate with you?

- Talking
- Shouting
- Grabbing
- Lead you to what they want
- Look at you
- Whispering
- Point to a picture
- Give you a picture/symbol
- Reaching
- Crying





Why do we Communicate?



Needs – when we want or need something (Obtain)



Information – when we require information



Social – for entertainment or enjoyment, again to develop relationships



Refusal – when we don't want something or don't like something



Understanding Communication

It is important that you can understand the observed communication

We need to be able to....

- Listen
- Observe
- Interpret





Understanding Communication

Listen

Listen to what is being said to you.....
Is your child vocalising in a certain pitch?
Is your child using specific language?
Are they shouting?
What are they saying to you?





Understanding Communication

Observe

What is your child doing? (stamping feet, leading you somewhere?)

Is your child using any specific body language or gesture?





Understanding Communication

Interpret

Does your child want something?

Is your child telling you they have had a ba

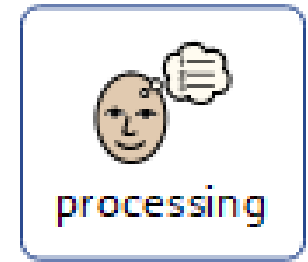
What have they said to you?

Are there any 'buzz' words being used?



Processing Delays

For some of our children – processing information can be very challenging.



It takes longer for the brain to process auditory information than it does to process visual information.

Use visual cues to support your child's understanding



Strategies to aid communication

Visual Support

Do you know what the following mean?

Κέικ

Ψάρι

Σπίτι

ψωμί

λουλούδι

αυτοκίνητο



Strategies to aid communication

How about now?



Κέικ



Ψάρι



Σπίτι



ψωμί



λουλούδι



αυτοκίνητο



Visual Support

Actual object (object of reference)

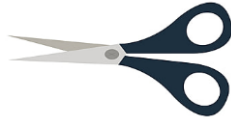
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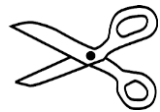
Colour pictures



Black and white pictures



Black and white symbol



scissors

Written word



Teach listening skills and develop auditory memory

Play games where your children have to recall things you've said to them

Bingo



Singing



Chain games e.g. I went to the shops..



Take a message





Use your child's name first

“Don't forget you have PE today so you will need your PE bag James”

Becomes

“James, take PE bag to school”



Reduce down the amount of language you use

“James, it’s dinnertime now come and wash you hands please.”

becomes.....

“James, dinnertime, wash your hands”



AAC

Augmentative and Alternative Communication
Any form of language other than speech.....

Sign Language

Picture Exchange Communication System

Communication Cue Cards

Communication Books

Voice output communication Aids

