

Learning to Communicate

Supporting children's speech, language and communication to help them reach their full potential.

We use an holistic approach to encourage and help our children to communicate. Being mindful that each child is a unique individual, this can also involve using a creative approach and 'thinking outside the box'. Our communication system involves using a variety of methods to meet the specific needs of the child and at the appropriate stage for each child.

Communication includes.....

Using any means and every means to communicate and/or receive a message.

To create and facilitate a system that best fits the individual to communicate. Optimising skills and reducing barriers for learning and communicating are paramount.

'All aboard' - ensuring that a child has access to some means of communication.

Facilitating and supporting each child by providing a wealth of stimulating activities to become involved, to reach their full potential.

At Alfreton Nursery School we facilitate expressive and receptive communication through the use of:

Touch cues

Facial expression, gesture and body language.
Intensive interaction
Objects of reference
Sign support- Makaton
Symbol support -including elements of PECS.
Attention Autism
Environmental cues
Pictures/ visual strategies
Assistive technology
Written text
Speech and vocalisation

We will always ensure that home comforts and emotional well being are at the forefront of supporting our children to Communicate.