



My Communication

*Communication is at the heart of being a social human being
Motivation, means and mate: It's all you need to communicate*



Intent – Our Aims

- Deliver a communication curriculum that is tailored to meet pupil's individual needs.
- Communication is a core skill taught to all pupils.
- All pupils have opportunities to develop their skills of reading, writing, expressive communication (speaking) and receptive communication (listening).
- Teach key life skills that are a pre-requisite for educational, emotional, and social progress.
- Develop functional readers, writers and communicators; however, we understand that for some of our learners not all of these aims may be achievable, but more a process of active engagement, exploration and experiences.
- To reduce behaviour incidents as a result of pupils becoming frustrated as they are unable to communicate.

Implementation – How do we teach our pupils to communicate?

- Communication is within all areas of the curriculum; therefore, it is afforded enough time within our timetables in a variety of ways to ensure the building of vocabulary, skills and knowledge.
- Pupils access a range of communication methods to enable them to choose and develop their preferred form of communication.
- Daily routines are planned and centred on developing communication skills.
- Pupils are exposed to a variety of language (key words, signs and symbols) to develop their vocabulary.
- Teaching as appropriate to the pupil through explicit literacy lessons, cross-curricular activities, continuous provision, daily routines, 1:1 and small group work, whole school immersive themed events, external provider visits and trips within the community.
- A range of teaching strategies to facilitate the teaching of communication including direction, demonstration, modelling, scaffolding, facilitating, explanation and discussion, questioning, guided exploration, investigations, listening/responding and evaluating.
- Pupils have practical and enriching opportunities to enhance their learning, not only academically, but also socially and emotionally.

Impact – How do our pupils benefit from learning to communicate?

- Every pupil is supported and equipped to become effective communicators, with the means to make choices and express their opinions, wants, and needs within the wider world.
- Every pupil will make measurable progress within their communication skills to prepare them to become contributing members of society.