

Communication



Children can only learn communication through interaction with other adults and children around them. Some children will develop communication sooner than others. We don't just communicate through speech. We also use facial expressions, actions or signs, showing our feelings, behaviour, written language and pictures/symbols. If you have difficulties in any one of these areas, communication of any sort will be hard. As adults we might not know exactly which bit is difficult but adapting how you communicate can often reduce frustrations in the child and in yourselves too.

Below are some links to information about different types of communication and some activities and videos to give you ideas of how to communicate with a range of children of differing abilities.

If you have a concern about your child's communication speak to your health visitor, school teacher or your GP and they can signpost to more specialist support if needed.

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthTeesNHSSpeechTherapy/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYQ9QGxjyT8a82Ojo3fgMSA?reload=9>

<https://www.southtees.nhs.uk/services/children-and-family-community-services/paediatric-speech-and-language-therapy/>

<https://www.nth.nhs.uk/services/speech-language-therapy/children/>