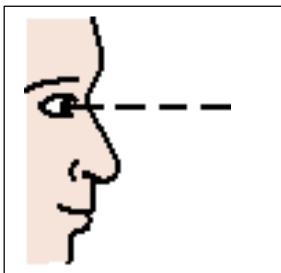


Attention Autism Project



What is it?

Gina Davies, a specialist Speech and Language Therapist and autism expert, devised an intervention using simple, fun and effective strategies to encourage/support children with autism to engage in communication. The Attention Autism approach focuses on developing attention and listening skills and giving the children “an irresistible invitation to learn”. Through a very structured group session, the children are gradually introduced to the following 4 stages:

Stage 1 – Focus Attention (The Bucket) –

The pupil will experience sitting in a small group in circle and begin to focus their attention on the adult directed activity from the bucket for 3-5 minutes.

Stage 3 – The Interactive Game – (Watch/Participate/Watch)

The pupil can now sit through Stage 1 & 2. They will now learn to shift attention and take a turn with an activity then go back to the circle & refocus whilst watching another pupil. The pupil also accepts that they are not always able to have a turn and can remain engaged while others take their turns. The pupil can now engage up to 20 minutes.

Stage 2 – The Attention Builder

(extending/sustaining attention) The pupil will focus their attention on Stage 1 adult directed activity then learn to follow a sequence of steps building up to the highlight of a second activity . The pupil may copy words/sounds i.e. 1,2,3/up, up/splash/wow. The pupil can now engage up to 10 minutes.

Stage 4 – Independent Work –

(The Table Activities – Transition)
The pupil will can now sit through Stages 1-3. They can now watch the adult demonstrate a simple activity they are now learning to take their box/tray with equipment to the table and carry out the given task independently as possible. When complete return to refocus as part of the group to review the activity, by looking at/talking about theirs & others completed task & celebrate achievements. The pupil can now engage up to 30 – 40 minutes.



Stage 1 – Focus Attention

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