

Creating communication opportunities

It is important to think about creating opportunities for communication throughout the day. Think about different places, different activities and different people your child could communicate with.

Places	People	Activities
At home – in the house, in the garden At the park At the shops At the swimming pool At activity centres	Family Friends Carers People the community e.g. bus driver, shop worker Health care staff e.g. nurse, dentist, doctor	Daily routines e.g. getting dressed, bath time, story time, meal times During play and activities e.g. playing with toys, colouring, looking at books, singing When going in the car/bus/walking Changing from one activity to another

put preferred items out of reach

give small amounts of something to encourage them to ask for more

leave an expectant pause e.g. ready steady....

offer choices

don't guess or anticipate what they want - try to wait see what they do



Please contact Speech and Language Therapy if you would like further advice or support.

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