

Getting Ready

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I can ask an adult for help when I need it and follow a simple instruction.

As children prepare for school they also need to know how to ask for help and develop their confidence in seeking support. This may be by using non-verbal signals, signing, speaking or using visual aids. Children who have strong problem solving skills, but who struggle with social communication and interaction, may need additional support in finding an appropriate strategy. You may consider using picture prompts for the children to access around the provision and sharing these with the feeder school via an enhanced transition plan.

Having photos of familiar adults in the setting and providing opportunities to interact early with new members of staff, or teachers at feeder schools will also give the children a chance to build relationships and recognise the adults who will be supporting them.

Put 'help' cards in useful places.



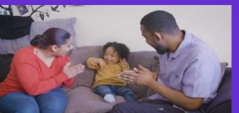
I'm OK



I need help



Take a moment to explore the SEND section of the Tiny Happy People website, where there are lots of examples of ways to communicate with children. Consider what communication methods you currently use to support children with SEND in the setting. How would you adapt the language and the non-verbal communication you use when giving instructions? Watch these videos to see some examples of supporting language with children with a range of needs.

 Learning about your child and finding ways to communicate Advice on how you can support your little one and help them build their communication skills. SEND	 Using arts and crafts to boost your child's communication skills How creative activities can help your child communicate if they have additional needs. SEND	 How and where parents can get help Speech and language therapist Alys Mathers explains how to find support for your child.	 How children use their bodies, actions and gestures to communicate SLT Alys Mathers explains how children communicate in a variety of ways - extra important if they have additional needs.
 How to use objects, pictures and signs to help babies communicate Expert advice on using alternative modes of communication to help children's early language skills. TIPS AND ADVICE	 Communicating with your deaf baby or child Emma from the National Deaf Children's Society shares how to support a child's communication skills if they are deaf. TIPS AND ADVICE	 Communicating with your child if they have a visual impairment SLT Alys Mathers explains how you can help your child learn and develop by giving them multisensory experiences.	 How can music therapy help with communication needs? Music therapist Ray Travasso explains how a music therapy session can benefit children with a range of needs. TIPS AND ADVICE



[Speech and language needs and disabilities - BBC Tiny Happy People](https://www.tinyhappypeople.co.uk/SEND)