

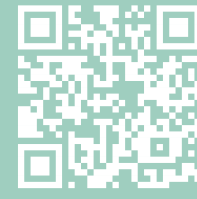
Accessibility Top Ten

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Communicate clearly

Use a Total Communication approach. Where possible using visual communication as well as key words in what we're saying.

Follow Cues

We follow the person in front of us, making sure that we respond if an individual is becoming distressed.

Be Prayerful

Choose prayer at every opportunity. Lifting up each situation and individual to God and giving opportunity to talk and listen to him in different ways.

Be Creative

Use creative ways to enable the individuals we're coming alongside to grow in their walk with Jesus. Multisensory teaching enables everyone to learn more (what objects can you include in your story/ preach?)

Give Movement Breaks

This is so important. Give regular, structured opportunities to move in different ways. E.g. Big Hug, push the wall, plank competition, walk like a bear, carrying bibles, crunchy snacks, worship workouts.

Listen Well

We understand that everyone wants to be heard. We take time to hear what people are saying (verbally and non-verbally) and reflect this back to them.

Stop & Respond

Take time to pause and respond when there's a problem, always recognising what is being communicated before reacting.

Changes for All

Implement changes for everyone rather than just one person. This enables everyone to be able to join in more easily.

Encourage joining in

Prioritise supporting individuals to join in as much as possible by coming alongside individuals who may need help.

Follow a plan

We know that a plan enables everyone to feel more secure. Support everyone to use a visual schedule/ outline and follow the structure of sessions.

