

**Our Mission for communication at Lindon Bennet School.**

We work together to maximise every child’s ability, enabling pupils to reach their full potential in the key skills of Communication.

**Intent**

At Lindon Bennett School, we believe in giving every child opportunities to express themselves, to communicate and listen in a range of situations. Communication is a priority throughout the school and development of language skills is planned jointly with the Speech and Language Therapist.

At Lindon Bennett School, we aim to provide a happy, stimulating and safe learning environment where children are encouraged to engage in their communication skills with appropriate and consistent support provided by skilled staff to ensure progress.

**Implementation**

Children have access to a variety of methods of communication such as Makaton (sign language), use of high and low tech modes, Picture Exchange Communication Symbols (PECS), sensory cues and touch cues. We ensure a consistent approach is used across the whole school. Staff are trained in using modes of communication and work in close partnership with multi- professional teams.

**Impact**

All our children reach their full potential whatever that may be for each individual. Children are able to communicate their individual needs and wants in a way, which is tailored to their individual needs, learning styles and interests. Giving children a voice reduces the need to communicate through behaviour that is challenging'

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