

HOW CAN WE HELP IN SCHOOL? KS3 & KS4

Social Communication Skills / Pragmatics

- Identify aspects of social communication that the young person finds difficult and consider ways to reduce the demands on them
- Be very explicit about what you mean, for example 'please wait at your desk, I will come to talk with you in the next two minutes
- Use role plays to teach understanding of situations
- Ambiguous language such as humour, sarcasm and idioms may need to be explained to the pupil
- Offer positive encouragement when social interaction is attempted
- With a pupil who wants to talk about their chosen topic all the time, offer a compromise. For example, they do the work first then have two minutes to talk about their topic
- Use group cohesion activities for small group work
- Use topic cards with question cards to encourage conversation skills

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