

HOW CAN WE HELP AT HOME? KS3 & KS4

Supporting Social Communication Skills / Pragmatics

- Agree positive verbal or visual prompts that the young person is comfortable with e.g. a finger signal from the eye area to encourage 'good looking' Use the same prompt each time.
- Use role play to teach understanding of situations and practise suitable responses
- Support understanding of ambiguous language like humour, sarcasm, idioms if the young person finds these challenging
- Use visual materials to reinforce desired behaviours
- Offer lots of praise when target behaviours are achieved
- If the young person wants to talk about their chosen topic all of the time offer a compromise. For example, if they complete homework first then they have two minutes to talk about their chosen topic
- Use topic cards with questions on them to develop conversation skills

If you require any further support/advice please contact via the following email

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