

PODD training

We are very pleased to be able to offer this training for the first time in the South West.

Thursday 30th August 9am -5pm

Venue: St Nicholas School, Malmesbury Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 1QF

Overview: Using Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD) communication books.

This one-day workshop will provide teachers, support personnel, teacher assistants, parents and other communication partners with information and strategies to more effectively interact with and teach children who are learning to use PODD communication books.

Video and case examples will be used to discuss frequently asked questions about using PODD communication books including

- What is a PODD communication book?
- What are the purposes for using a PODD communication book?
- How does PODD differ from other types of communication aids / other approaches to teaching symbols?
- Is this approach supported by current theoretical and research literature?
- Why is there so much vocabulary?
- Why should we use a PODD communication book with this student?
- Is a PODD communication book appropriate for this student?
- How is it used? When do I use it? What do I need to do?
- How do we teach the child to communicate?

Participants will also have the opportunity for hands-on practice with tips for learning to use PODD communication books to communicate in daily life.

PODD workshop presenter

Lillian Colley is a Speech and Language Therapist from the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre in Melbourne, Australia. She is a trained PODD presenter and has worked with children with complex physical, learning and communication needs for several years. Lillian has worked closely with Gayle Porter to implement the PODD system within conductive education programs at the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre and supporting children with complex needs in their local kindergartens and schools. Lillian has worked within mainstream and specialist schools in London, supporting children with a wide range of disabilities. Lillian has completed the week long intensive PODD course and has run PODD workshops in Australia and the UK. Lillian currently works in specialist schools in Surrey, with children with a range of moderate to severe difficulties. Lillian also has competencies in the areas of dysphagia and motor speech disorders.

Cost : £65 per person to be invoiced in advance

Refreshments included, please bring your own lunch

Places limited so please respond by Friday 20th July with name, organisation and invoice address to:

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