

Working with children with selective mutism

Overview and aims:

This session explains Selective Mutism; what it is and what defines it. Causes are described and from all this, intervention strategies are explained in the context of a graduated response to the issue. Creating a 'Selective Mutism friendly' environment is crucial to the success of any intervention programme being put in place and in some cases may be enough alone, to move the child into being a more confident communicator. It is highly advisable that school staff have accessed this session for the Selective Mutism interventions to succeed. This course aims:

- To increase knowledge of what constitutes Selective Mutism; how it presents and what underlies it.
- To increase awareness of the diagnostic process for the disorder.
- To increase awareness of the causes of Selective Mutism
- To increase knowledge of the staged response to intervention, from how to create a 'Selective Mutism' friendly environment, helpful targeted activities, through to specialist programmes.

Target Audience

Primary session - Foundation Stage, Ks1 and 2

NB - It is advisable that the class teacher and/or Senco and the Teaching Assistant who is to support the programme, all/both attend.

Trainers - Charlotte Firth, Advanced Clinical Specialist - Selective Mutism. Speech and language therapist.

Date - Thursday 25th May 2017, 1.30pm to 3.30pm. **Cost** - £42 per participant.

Venue - The Community Room, Tesco, Askham Bar.

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