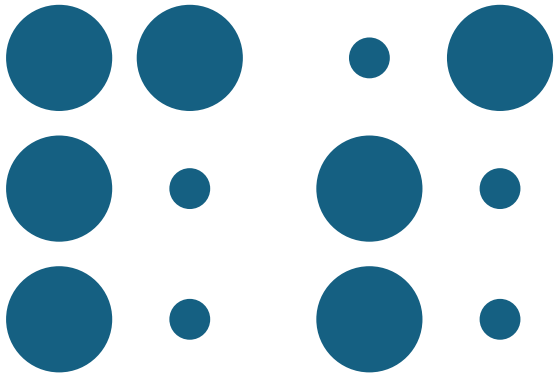
Explaining intensive interaction

Benefits for students and teachers



What is Intensive Interaction?

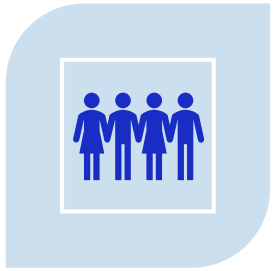
Meaningful interactions

Meaningful interactions that encourage communication through non-verbal cues such as facial expressions, gestures, and body language.

By engaging in playful and reciprocal exchanges, teachers can help students gain confidence in their ability to communicate and connect with others.

What are the benefits for students?

IMPROVEMENT IN STUDENT COMMUNICATION



FOSTERS A SENSE OF BELONGING

BOOSTS SELF-ESTEEM BY ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES CREATIVELY

DECREASES ANXIETY AROUND COMMUNICATION

What are the benefits for teachers?

REDUCES FRUSTRATION DURING COMMUNICATION

ADAPTABLE ACROSS CURRICULUM AND PHASES

SUPPORTS DIVERSE LEARNING

What are the steps of intensive interaction?

- Observation
- Engagement
- Imitation
- Responsiveness
- Expanding
- Reflection
- Continuity

Example 1

Imitation is being shown here with great engagement from the student.

Responding appropriately to the student's attempt at communication.

This is building a relationship between student and teacher.

This is an example of an ASD classroom.

Example 2

Imitation again is being shown here. Although this student does communicate verbally, she has difficulties building secure relationships in which she can have open communication.

By fostering that relationship through intensive interaction, she will communicate more openly with that staff member when needed.

When should I be doing intensive interaction?

There are always plenty of opportunities for intensive interaction.

- Playground
- Soft play, swimming and splash pool
- During any sensory play
- Integration and enrichment time on Fridays
- Morning routine's

The playground is a perfect opportunity for staff to be interacting with students and begin building secure relationships. Especially stages one and two can be done during playtimes.

Your task

Please get into your class groups and discuss one to two students that you would like to begin trying intensive interaction with.

Discuss how you’re going to implement this within your timetable.

We will be walking around to help with any questions.

Final note

Over **75%** of students participating in structured Intensive Interaction sessions have demonstrated significant improvements in their communication skills and social engagement.

Furthermore, evaluations show positive impacts on students' emotional well-being and overall quality of life, highlighting the method's effectiveness beyond mere speech development.

These statistics underline the importance of adopting this approach, not only for enhancing communication outcomes but also for promoting a more inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Thank you for listening.