

Communication and Interaction

At The Forest School we believe that learning to communicate well and to interact with others will help our students in every aspect of their lives.



Communication enables us to explain our ideas, needs and feelings.

It also allows us to socialise and enjoy the company of others.

Learning to communicate means learning to listen well, to express ourselves clearly and to join in positively and appropriately.



Our Speech and Language Therapy team support all our staff to use 'Total Communication' strategies. This includes speech, signing, symbols, software programmes and Voice Output Communication Aids.

We are determined to enable each pupil to communicate in the best way they can, making the most of their communicative potential.



The Forest School is a Specialist College for Communication and Interaction and in 2012 we were recognised for the work we do under the ICAN Primary Talk programme.

We were the first of any school in North Yorkshire and the first special school nationally to achieve this award.

The Speech and Language Team

