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Communication News & Resources



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Welcome to Signpost! Bringing you communication news and resources for the month ahead.

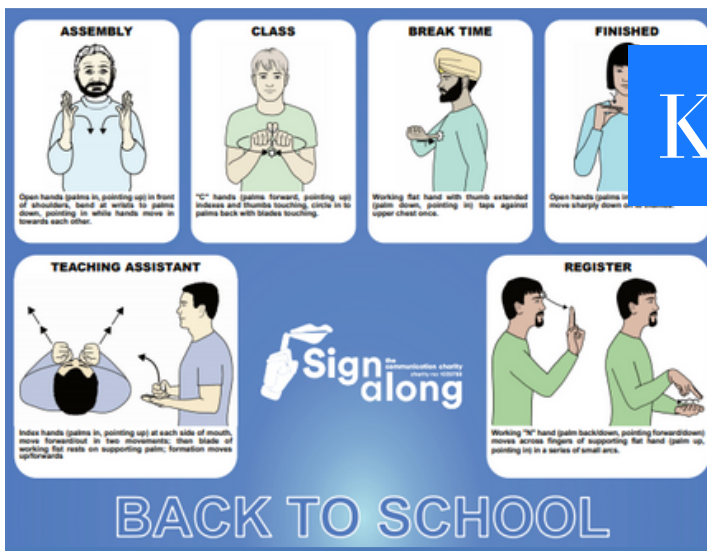
This month looks at key-word signing, healthcare communication and Morse!



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KEY-WORD SIGNS

The new academic year is here, so those classroom walls won't be bare for long! This free Signalong poster is a valuable addition, with instructions for producing twelve signs that are perfect for any educational setting.



Morse code can be a fantastic way to communicate for some people. If you can only move one finger, or blink, a computer can turn these movements into speech. But what's the fastest way to learn Morse? Help answer this question by playing this online game - it's easy & fun! Learn Morse code & contribute to valuable research that benefits people with severe physical and communication needs.

We need you to learn Morse code.



Unicorn



Vacuum



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X-ray

MORSE CODE





HEALTHY COMMUNICATION

Smallest adjustments can make the biggest difference

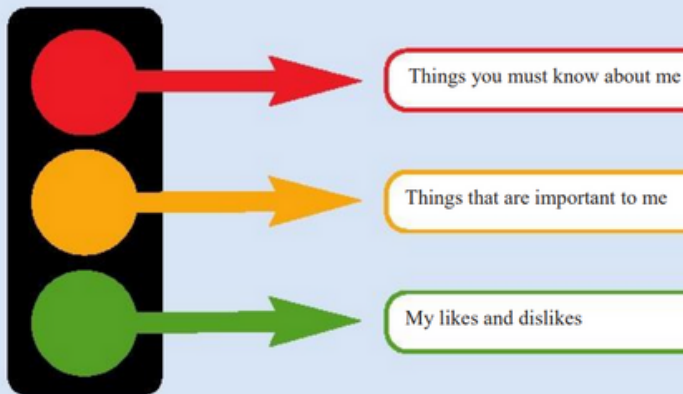


World Patient Safety Day and Universal Access to Information Day are this month. So it's an ideal time to think about how healthcare can be clearer & less stressful.

Health services must make reasonable adjustments to ensure accessibility - it's the law. But what exactly do you need to make appointments more understandable for you and the people you support? Is it extra time, no jargon, Easy Read info?

SAFE, UNDERSTOOD

Nursing and medical staff please look at my passport before you do any interventions with me.



Mencap and the Misfits Theatre Co. have ideas for the adjustments you can request. And you can record them here, ready to give out before your next appointment!

Does your communication and/or hospital passport need updating? This vital resource remains a basic necessity for everyone with communication needs - Pdf and Word templates are available here.

It's not always easy to ensure everyone understands their medical situations and options. But Easy Read information can help by using simple words, images and short sentences to explain things.

Easy Health and Great Ormond Street have extensive, free, online libraries of these resources to help clarify almost every healthcare situation and choice. The perfect foundation for a supportive discussion, so everyone can understand their circumstances and next steps.

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