

Symbol Exchange Systems

Online Workshop



The Croydon Speech and Language Therapy Primary team are providing a range of online workshops for all staff working with children in Croydon schools.

Symbol exchange systems (e.g. PECS) are AAC (Augmented / Alternative Communication) systems, which are used to support people without verbal speech to communicate.

Symbols are more concrete than spoken words, which come and go, and often mean different things in different contexts. This predictability makes the system easier for students to use, even when dysregulated. Adults will also find more ways to scaffold and prompt the child, compared with supporting verbal communication alone.

- Attendees will consider appropriate motivators for their student, and think about how to incorporate exchanges into the daily routine.
- An overview of the approach will be presented, and attendees will be helped to support the student to progress through the phases of picture exchange.
- Attendees will learn about the process of providing (and fading out) physical prompts to ease the exchanges, and how to develop the student's persistence with their attempts to make exchanges.
- You will have the opportunity to talk to other school staff who are implementing the approach, and to share ideas with them.

The workshop will last around 50 minutes. If you would like to attend, please take a look at the schedule of workshops below, and get in contact with SALT Admin at Sanderstead to book on to a session, by emailing ch-tr.slrcroydonchildren@nhs.net with name of staff member, school, child's name/DOB and email address of attendee if different.

Day / Date	Time
Wednesday 19 th April	13:30
Tuesday 25 th April	9:30
Wednesday 3 rd May	11:00
Wednesday 17 th May	9:30
Tuesday 6 th June	13:30
Tuesday 20 th June	11:00
Wednesday 28 th June	13:30
Tuesday 4 th July	9:30
Wednesday 12 th July	11:00

IF THE DATES FOR THIS COURSE HAVE EXPIRED FOR THIS TERM, PLEASE CONTACT US NEXT TERM TO BOOK, ONCE FURTHER DATES ARE AVAILABLE

THIS WORKSHOP IS TO SUPPORT THOSE IMPLEMENTING SYMBOL EXCHANGE SYSTEMS IN SCHOOLS AND IS NOT A FORMAL OR ACCREDITED TRAINING.