



No matter how  
you communicate

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**your voice  
matters!**

# Lonsdale AAC Network Group

*News & Information*

What's in the  
**Newsletter**

Person (and partner) based  
communication



Training offering  
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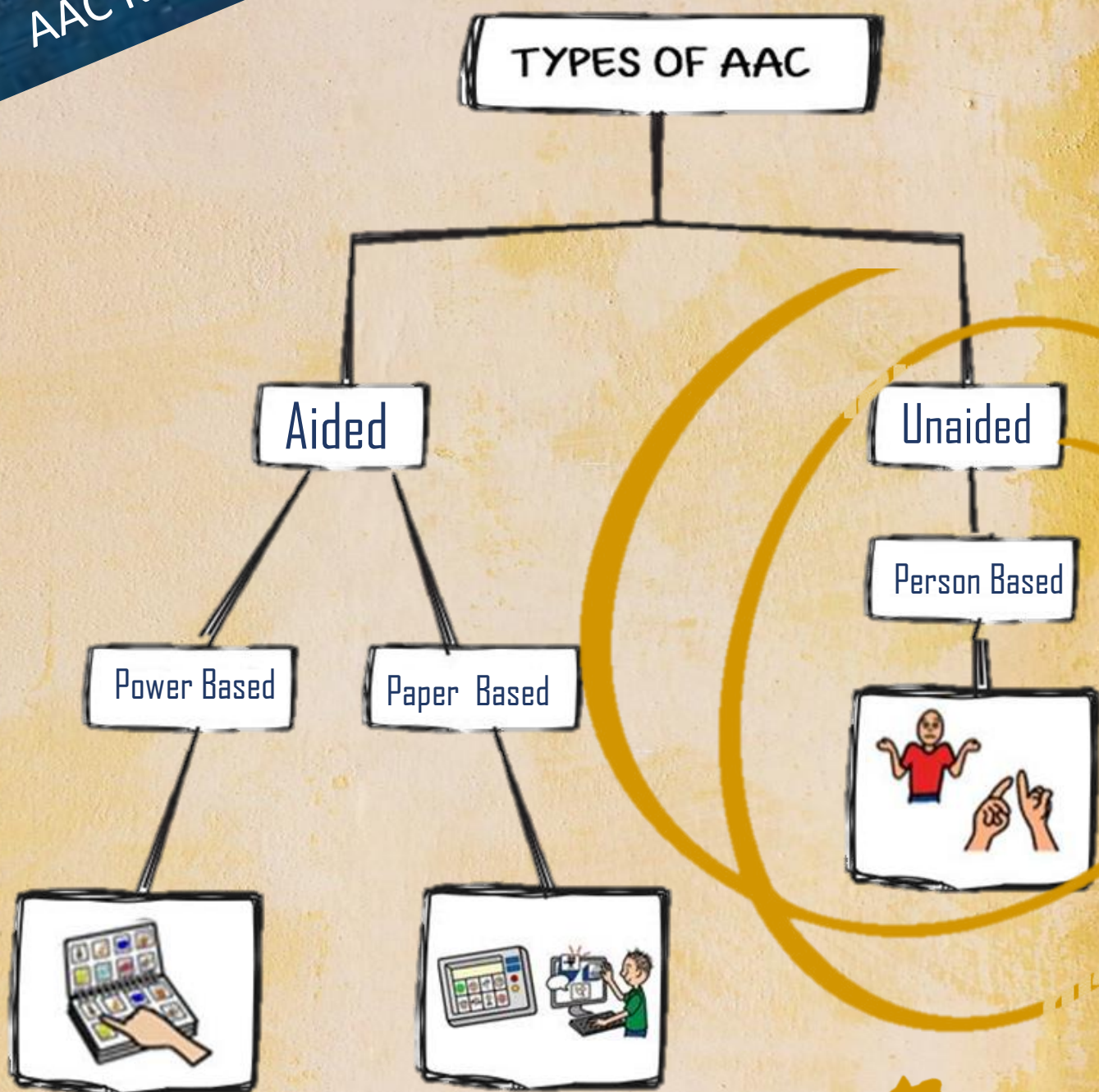
Keeping you updated with  
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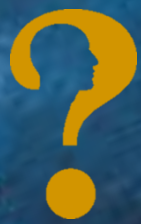


# AAC Knowledge & Understanding cont...



This month we are  
focusing on Person  
Based AAC.





## Person (and partner) based communication

(also known as unaided AAC)

Unaided

Person Based

Person based communication refers to methods of communication that do not involve additional equipment.

This includes:

- Facial expressions
- Body language
  - Gestures
- Sign language
  - Pointing
- Speech attempts
  - Vocalisation
- Yes/No responses
- Use of the environment



Or a combination of all







# AAC Knowledge & Understanding cont...



Person Based communication methods normally develop or start through the AAC user using what they naturally have available to them

- ★ no tools needed
- ★ no physical aids
  - sign language
  - gestures/movements
  - facial expressions



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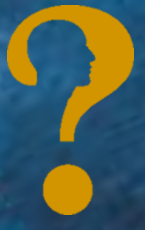
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**Some of our  
AAC pupils  
develop  
their own  
person  
based  
system and  
signs.**







## Partner based AAC

Partner-based AAC – AAC strategies which are partner-dependent and listener-enabled. These include supported conversation techniques as well as partner knowledge and skill at reading person-based communicative signals.







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## Introduction to BSL

This course is an introduction to the fascinating world of communicating in BSL – British Sign Language.

It covers fingerspelling, greetings, asking and answering questions, colours and more, including the weather (well, it is **British** sign language).

The estimated guided learning time for this course is 3 hours; this does not include personal practice time.

<https://www.bslonline.co.uk/courses/introduction-to-bsl/>



# About us – The AAC team



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If you experience any technical problems or require any AAC support please get in touch!

As a team we aim to provide a high level of support to meet each pupil's Alternative and Augmented Communication (AAC) needs.

### We are responsible for:

#### Assessments;

Access to technology, hardware for VOCAs (Voice Output Communication Aids), mounting solutions for VOCAs.

#### Specialist Support for;

Technical support for VOCA, technical support for mounting solutions, specialist software.

#### Training – VOCA hardware, access and mounting solution;

For all school staff, for families and carers.

#### Programming, editing, upgrading and updating;

All AAC, this includes both paper base and power base.

#### Equipment;

Funded by Education or Health –

this will be supported by the AAC Support Team.

