



No matter how  
you communicate

.....

**your voice  
matters!**

# Lonsdale AAC Network Group

*News & Information*

What's in the  
**Newsletter**



Training  
with the  
AAC  
Team

Keeping you updated with  
everything AAC

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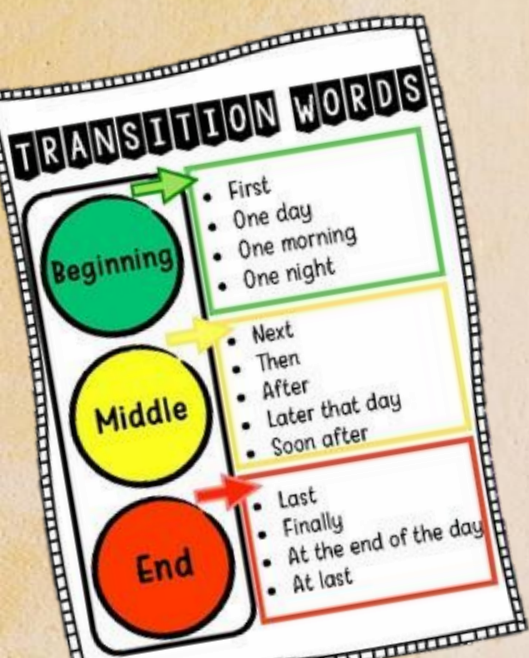




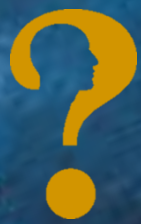
# AAC Knowledge & Understanding cont...

## Points to remember in July, ready for September:

- Ensure that all equipment needed for the summer goes home and is clearly labelled.
- Make sure all equipment that does not go home to safely packed away in the pupils AAC equipment boxes.
- Any equipment that can not fit can be stored in our office- clearly labelled with pupils name please







# AAC Knowledge & Understanding



**HERE WE GO!**

## AAC Transition to college

1. At Lonsdale we ensure that we provide a very extensive transition pack regarding all thing AAC, using the contents headers below.

### CONTENTS

- Power Based AAC
- Assistive Technology
- Paper Based AAC
- Mounting Solutions
- Support, Training and Contacts
- Funding
- License and Accounts
- Communication Passport
- Troubleshooting
- Future Plans
- AAC EHCP

GOOD LUCK



2. We made sure copies of these documents are given to the next setting that the pupil is transitioning to and also to the pupils parent/carer.

3. We offer training to the pupils new setting and also extend our support onto the new academic year, should there be any questions.

**Farewell  
and  
Good Luck**

**Changes**

**Career**

**Employment**

**Success**

**Growth**

**Opportunity**

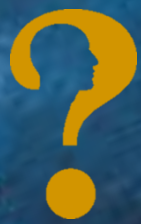
**Future**

**Work**

**Jobs**







# AAC Knowledge & Understanding cont...



## Training with the Lonsdale AAC Team



### How can we support you in September?

The AAC team are here to support all AAC users, families and staff.

Would you like to arrange any training to support pupils and families in your class?



Please get in contact to arrange: Call us on: ext 246

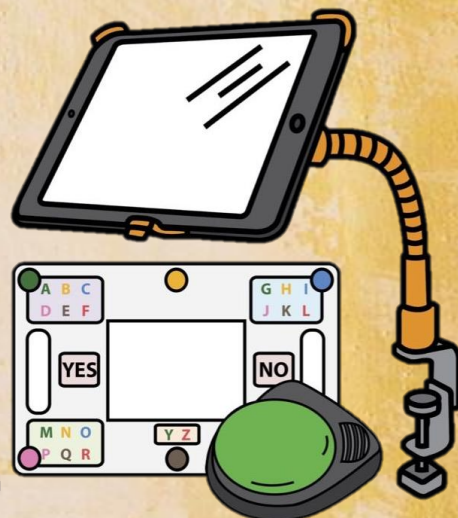
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# SUPPORT





# About us – The AAC team



## MEET THE 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.

