



Widgets

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Aims



To develop an understanding of the importance of widgets.

To develop knowledge in the use of widgets to support children with language difficulties.

To explore ways of using widgets at home.

What are widget symbols?

- Symbols are used everywhere - on road signs, on our phones and computers, and in public spaces to highlight everything from cafes to toilets. They help communicate ideas quickly and simply, helping us visualise and remember what we have seen.



What are widget symbols?

- This principle has led to the development of comprehensive symbol languages. These are designed primary to give people with learning difficulties a simple alternative to text, but in reality, they prove useful to a wider range of people, including children in nurseries and reception classes.



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florists



shoe shop



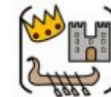
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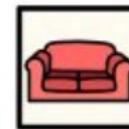
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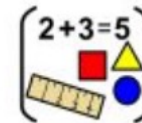
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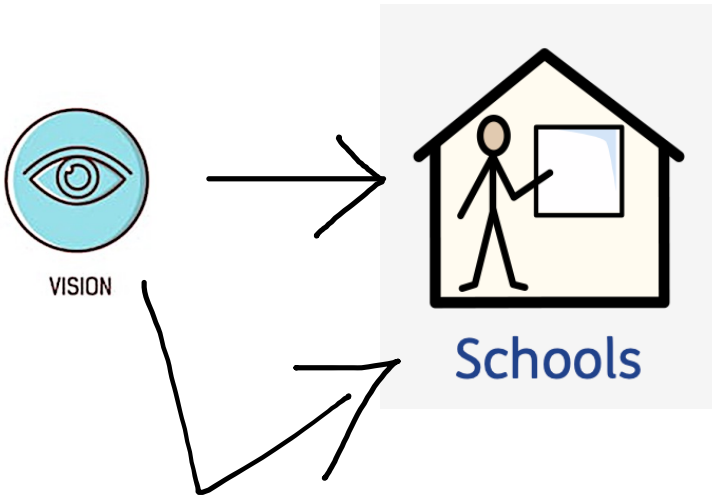
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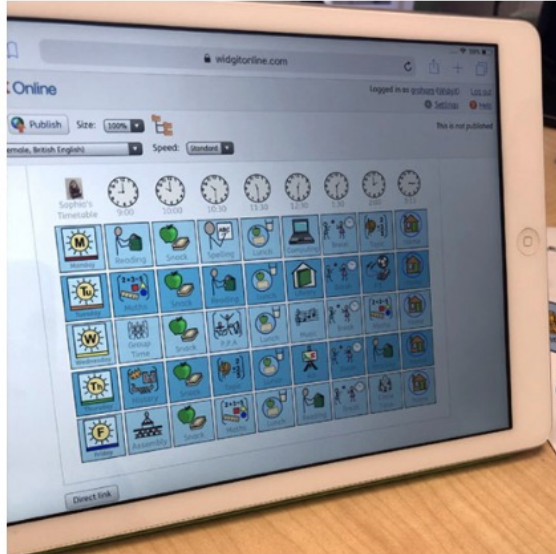
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Why do we use widgets?

- **It's part of our** total communication approach

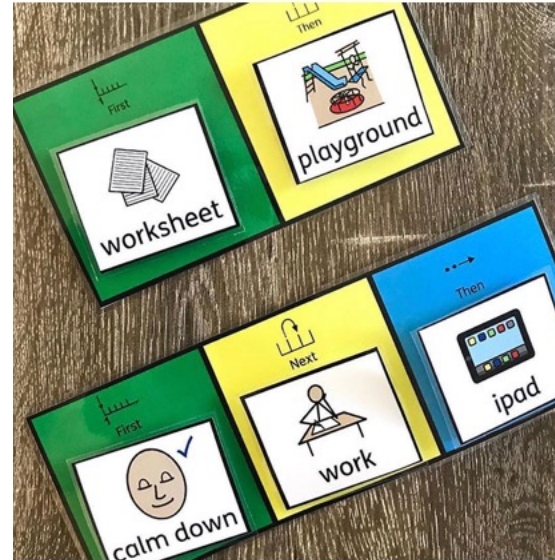


How can you use widgets at home?



Visual Timetables

Support structure and routine and reduce anxiety with visual timetables detailing a sequence of activities.



Now and Next Boards


'Now and Next' or 'First and Then' boards can be used as effective behavioural management aids.

What's in your pack?


Class Assembly

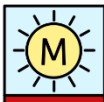

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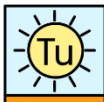

Break time


Lunch

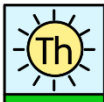

Dinner

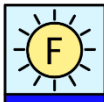

Home


Monday


Tuesday



Wednesday


Thursday


Friday



Yesterday


Get your toothbrush


Rinse the toothbrush


Pick up the toothpaste


Unscrew the toothpaste lid


Put some toothpaste on your toothbrush

Managing emotions

Sometimes I feel sad.

Sometimes I feel angry.

It's OK to feel different emotions.



I can try and feel better.

Activities can help me feel better.

rest	squeeze	star jumps	talk
stretch	chill spot	walk	deep breaths
music	snack	sing	drink water

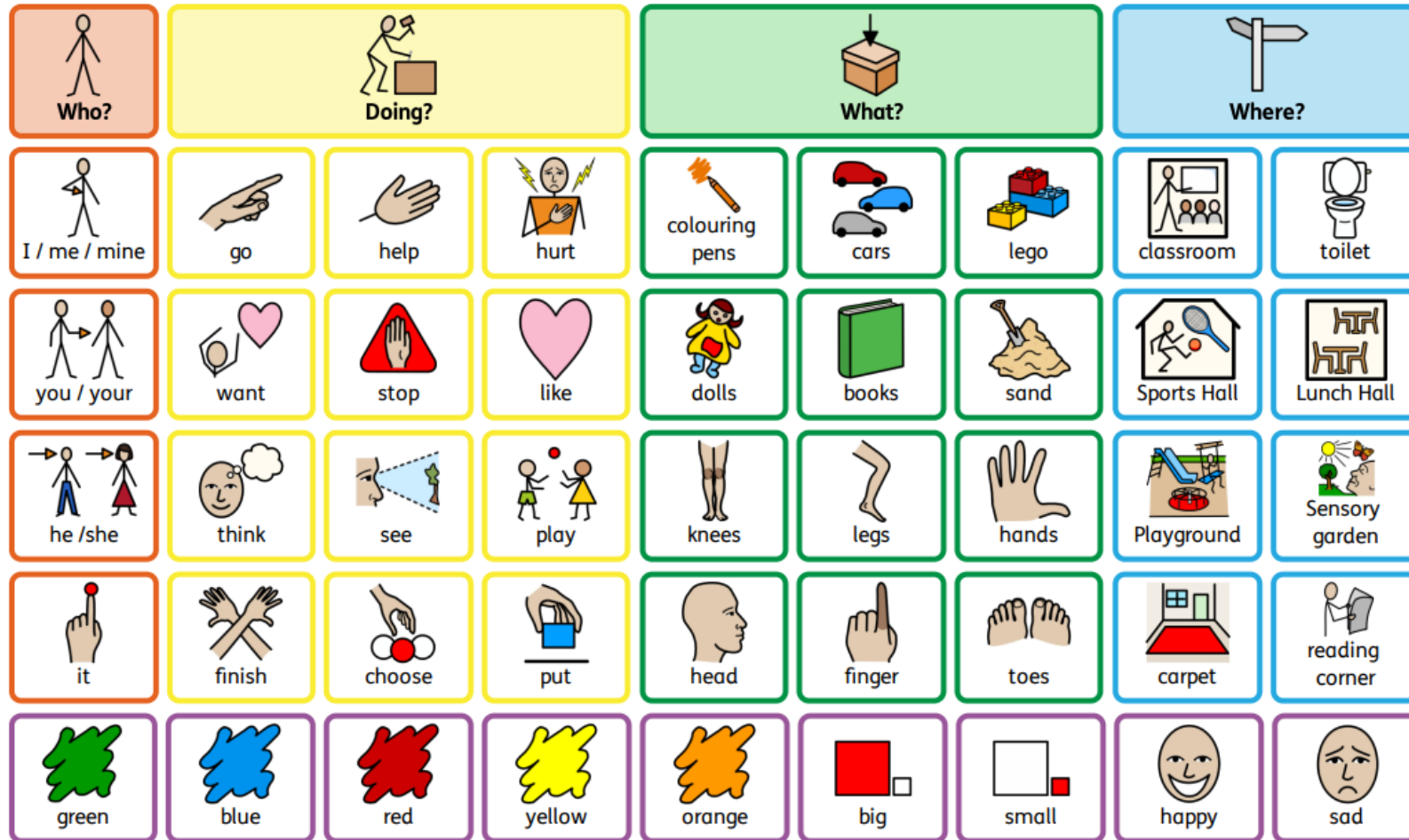
How am I feeling?

Happy	Sad	Excited	Worried
Confused	Angry	Tired	Bored
embarrassed	OK	Scared	calm

1  turn tap on	2  wet hands under tap	3  add soap to hands	4  scrub hands for 20 seconds
5  rinse hands under tap	6  turn tap off	7  dry hands	8  throw away paper towel



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Core Vocabulary





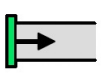



What's in your pack?



The  summer holiday is  nearly finished.

I  had a  fun  time in the summer holiday. 

But  now  it is  time for  school to  begin  again.

Social Stories are a good way to prepare your child for changes and new experiences. They can help to reduce anxiety and encourage a positive response to changes in structure and routine. Use these Social Stories on returning to School to begin discussions on what school may be like in September



Thank you for taking part in our workshop!

Any questions?

