Makaton

Using **Speech, Signs & Symbols** together to give everyone a helping hand to talk.

**Supports/promotes:**

- Attention
- Listening
- Comprehension
- Memory
- Recall
- Organisation of language
- Expression
- Enable communication
Who uses Makaton

- People on the **autism** spectrum
- People with **additional support needs** (ASN) – ADHD, Down’s Syndrome, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dysgraphia, Dyspraxia
- People with **Profound & Multiple Learning Disability** (PMLD)
- People with **developmental delay**
- **Non-verbal** people (NVD or NVLD)
- People with **physical disabilities**
- People with **physical impairments** affecting speech
- People with **Auditory Processing Disorder** (APD)

It’s common for users to have a number of disabilities that overlap with other disabilities. Making their needs even more complex.
Vocabularies

Core Vocabulary

Everyday words:
Drink, Eat, Wash, Cat, Flower

Everyday complex words, where understanding of meaning is needed:
Why, Because, There, Your

Topic-based/Additional Resource Vocabulary

Colours
General Objects
Weather
Animals
People
National Curriculum
How Rangers can use Makaton:

- Makaton Friendly Award Scheme
- Use signing when talking
- Symbols on key objects
- Work sheets
- Maps
- Events

The examples with symbols have had to be removed due to copyright from Makaton.

The examples where:
1) A map of site with symbols on it for children to find.
2) A example of using words and symbols together to get the users to think about an animal
3) A bingo card sheet with different animal symbols for animals that could be found on a bug hunt.
Things to think about

- Accessible
- Sensory overload
- Prizes/Awards
- Simpler the better – no complex instructions
- Simple clear printed signage and worksheets
- Slower speaking speed
- Slower walking speed
- Weather
- Staff & Cost
- Is the event/session really Makaton friendly?
Training

Taster Sessions
Level 1 Training – practical introduction to Makaton. Core stages 1 and 2.
Level 2 Training - Core stages 3 and 4 and additional stage.
Level 3 Training - core stages 5 -8.

Recourses
The Makaton Charity - emails, online shop
Makaton Trainer
YouTube – Makaton, Singing Hands, Mr Tumble and Friends
Strictly Come Dancing stars praised for using Makaton sign language
thank non-verbal viewers

Norman Gate School first in county to gain Makaton Friendly award

Campaign to make Chester the UK's first Makaton Friendly City

Santa and his elves to get Makaton training in Aberdeen

Margaret Walker Wins Pride of Britain Award

We are delighted to announce that Margaret Walker, founder of the Makaton Language Programme, has won the Pride of Britain, Special Recognition Award for her dedication to and creation of Makaton.

The ceremony was held on Monday 29th October and will be televised on ITV Tuesday 6th November at 8pm.

Zanna Finnerty, Director of the Makaton Language Programme and Senior

Nurse Award Winners

Congratulations to Eve Hesketh, Alice Waddington and Emily Kavanaugh who have won the Andrew Parker Student Nurse of the Year award at the RCNi Nurse Awards.

The Student Learning Disability Nurses from Edge Hill University developed, piloted and raised awareness of the Makaton Healthcare Cards nationally after hearing Alice Glennon's story as a Makaton user who is yet to meet a medical professional who can understand her language!

Northwich celebrates Makaton Friendly City

adoptsing form of sign language

Whitelee Windfarm Ranger Service joins Makaton Friendly Scheme

Children from Orchard Brae enjoy Makaton signing workshops