



### What is the Curiosity Programme?

The Curiosity programme has been developed by a Speech and Language Therapist (Gina Davies) to support in 'getting connected' with children in the very early stages of communication.

It uses play-based activities to help children with social communication difficulties to develop early joint attention skills, experience a shared sense of fun and feel motivated and encouraged to engage with adults.

### Why use the Curiosity programme?

- Based on research into strategies to help young children develop their early communication skills.
- Supports joint attention, social interaction, and communication.
- Suggests simple and practical ways to engage children at home or in nursery/school.

### What are the stages of Curiosity?

- **Getting connected (Intensive Interaction)** - join the child in their activity, interests, and play, to build skills in sharing attention and enjoyment in an activity with another person.



- **Signature songs** - add rhymes and songs to activities and routines - because children learn sounds and rhythms before words.



School routines/ transitions would benefit from a signature song to associate the activity for the child.

- Lining up
- Carpet time
- Going outside
- Home time
- Tidy Up time

Example: to the tune of 'Row your boat' for lining up we would sing...

"Line, line, lining up, standing in a row, quietly, quietly, quietly, quietly, through the door we go!"

- **Creating curiosity** - use appealing things and be interesting to encourage the child to show interest and engage.



- **Let's play** - use appealing items to further develop the child's play skills.



**Aim to do this for up to 3 minutes 3 times a day... Everyday!**

