

Buddy Chat - Teacher 'how to' guide

Thank you for choosing to run Buddy Chat with your class!

Please find outlined below step-by-step guidance on how to run Buddy Chat with your class. The programme works best with children from Y4- Y7.

Step 1

Decide which **2** communication differences you would like your class to be exposed to. You can choose from:

- Developmental language disorder (DLD)
- Autism
- A physical condition (cleft lip and palate)
- Deafness
- Stammering
- Unclear speech / Speech Sound disorder

When deciding which communication difference to select you may need to be sensitive to children in your class who present with this communication difference themselves.

You can use your professional judgement and knowledge about the children in your class to help decide if a child would be comfortable with their communication difference being represented on screen or if another communication difference should be selected.

While all areas are positively represented, some children may be sensitive to a particular communication difference being highlighted.

Step 2

Locate the 2 videos that feature your chosen communication differences as follows -

You will need to select one lesson 1 for your first communication difference and one lesson 2 for your second communication difference. For example, if your communication differences are DLD and autism you will select **Lesson 1 DLD** and **Lesson 2 Autism** (see below).

Lesson 1 options (approx. 45 mins)	Lesson 2 options (approx. 45 mins)
1 Stammering	2 Stammering
1 Speech sound disorder/ unclear speech	2 Speech sound disorder /unclear speech
1 Autism	2 Autism
1 Developmental Language disorder (DLD)	2 Developmental Language disorder (DLD)
1 Physical Need (Cleft Palate)	2 Physical Need (Cleft Palate)
1 Deaf	2 Deaf

Step 3

You will need to prepare some materials to run Lesson 1:

1. Charades pictures - Lesson one activity one charades pictures
2. Communication wheel pictures - Lesson one activity two communication wheel pictures

These need to be downloaded from the webpage 'Materials and Resources' section and printed in preparation.

There are no materials required to run lesson 2.

Step 4

Run Lesson 1 with your class by hitting play on the Lesson 1 video you have downloaded.

Top Tips:

- The video will have points where the children are encouraged to give answers to questions. The time to answer should be built into the videos but feel free to pause the video if the children need longer to think or if you need to prompt the answers.
- At other points, the video will prompt the teacher to pause the video to allow the children time to complete a longer activity. These sections will say 'your teacher should pause the video now'.



Step 5

Run Lesson 2 with your class. *We recommend that Lesson 2 is delivered within one – two weeks of Lesson 1.*

Top tips:

- As with Lesson 1 there will be points at which pauses are required. These sections will say 'your teacher should pause the video now'.
- Lesson 2 should be run within 2 weeks of Lesson 1 so the key messages from Lesson 1 are still forefront in the children's minds.

Step 6

- Send home the Buddy Chat information sheet – this can be found in the Materials & Resources section.

Thank you for taking time to complete Buddy Chat with your class! 😊

- Complete Buddy Chat evaluation after Lesson 2, after this you will be prompted to email for your class certificate.
- There are additional resources and activities for your class available for download on the buddy chat web page under 'Materials and Resources'.