

## ADVICE SHEET

### The Curiosity Programme

(Trademarked by the Gina Davies Autism Centre)

This programme is designed to support children

- who need to work 1:1 before starting the main Attention Autism 4 stage programme,
- are too young to be working in a group e.g. younger than 2 years old,
- have additional severe learning difficulties and flourish in the earliest stages of attention development work,
- do not yet have tolerances for group working.

This programme can work as an excellent preparation for children who might go on and work through the Attention Autism 4 stage programme need a more individualised start.

It's all about creating curiosity about the world, nurturing communication and fostering interaction through shared joyful times together – the best way for everyone to get started and keep going.

Each 1:1 session is considered in 4 small steps:

1. **Curiosity**- giving attention to it.
  - The idea is to get the child to show an interest in the things presented
  - Choose interesting things and bring them to the attention of the child
  - Paying attention and engaging yourself
  - Use materials with child appeal and great containers
2. **Exploring**- investigating it
  - Build this by the adult engaging and demonstrating through exploration
  - Letting the child touch/hold/move it



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3. **Experience-** using it and adding what is already known
  - Do it all again but change the container/contents
  - Add things that would make it easy to relate to play in the real world
4. **Creative-** trying new ideas and responding. Use music and singing too!



**Next Step...THE BUCKET**