



Talk4Meaning

Supporting children's communication and learning

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Children with SELECTIVE MUTISM: linking home and school

Selective Mutism is an anxiety condition, where children have become unable to speak outside their homes, and particularly in school.

Michael Jones is developing a technique that may help children who are confident speakers at home to become confident about talking in school. Michael has successfully introduced children to fun interactive games software at home and, when they are ready, the children have shared the software with their friends and adults at school. This has been used as part of a programme to gradually encourage joining in, and eventually talking, in small groups in school.

Michael is now exploring the potential of using Link2Nature *Nature Baskets* in the same way. Nature Baskets are a set of natural materials that inspire imaginative play. Families with a child with Selective Mutism are lent a basket to explore at home. When the children feel they are ready, they can take the basket to school to play with, along with their friends. Gradually adults can become involved.



To find out more, email Michael at the address above.

To find out more about Link2Nature visit www.link2nature.co.uk

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