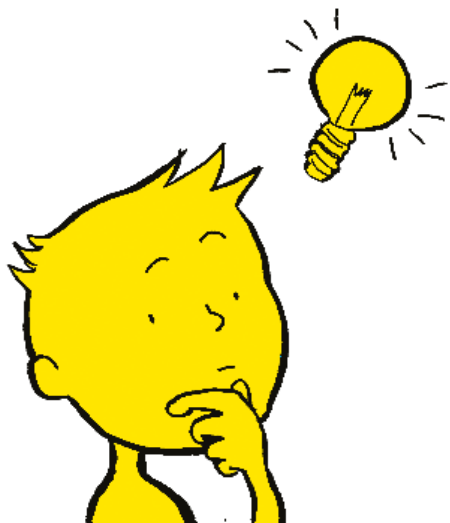


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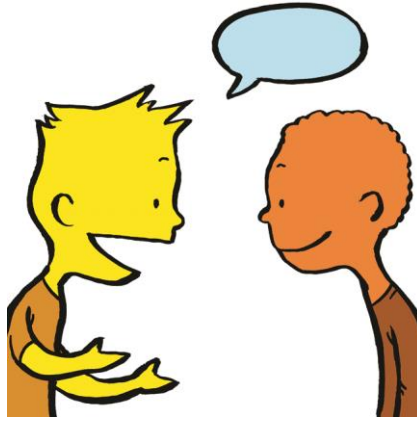
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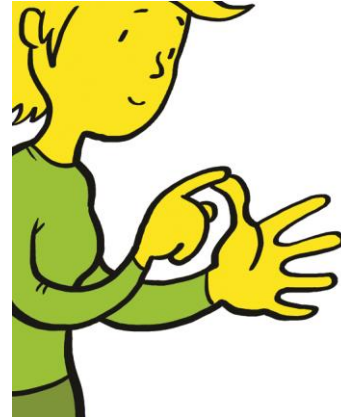


# Our Communication Journey

- Verbal



- Makaton Signing



- Symbols/ Visual Aids.

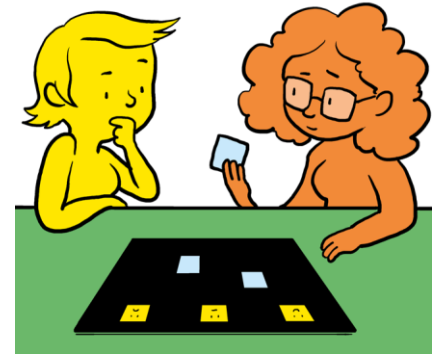


# Our Communication Journey

- Writing & Drawing



- Talking Mat

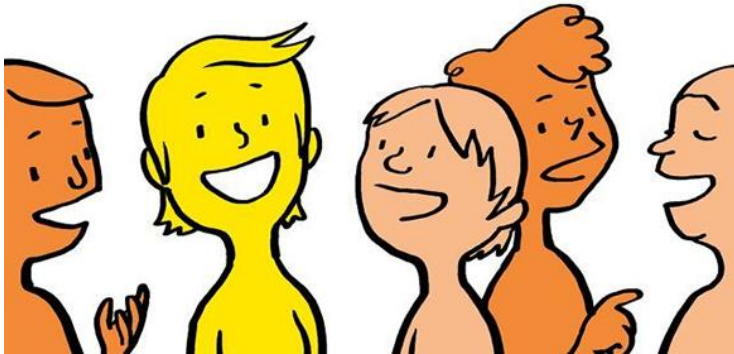


- Mental Health – Happy, Sad & Funny.



# Training

Face to Face



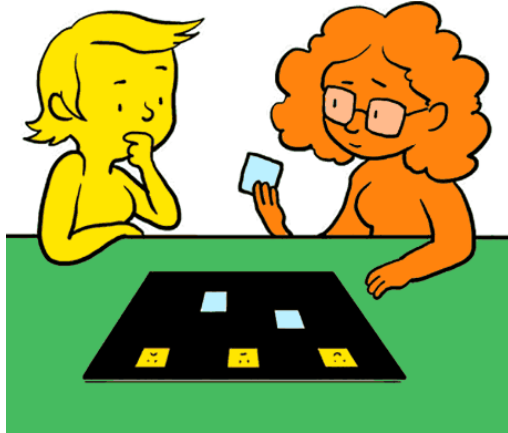
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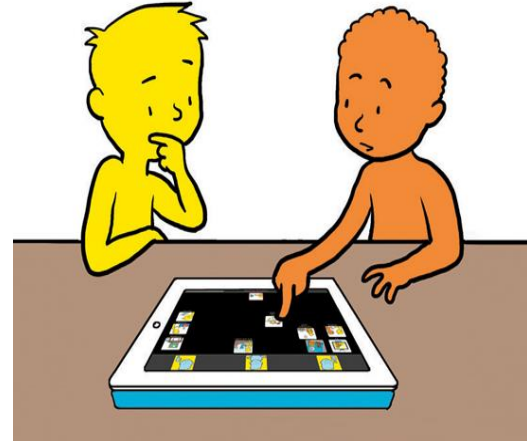


# Resources

Physical Textured Mat



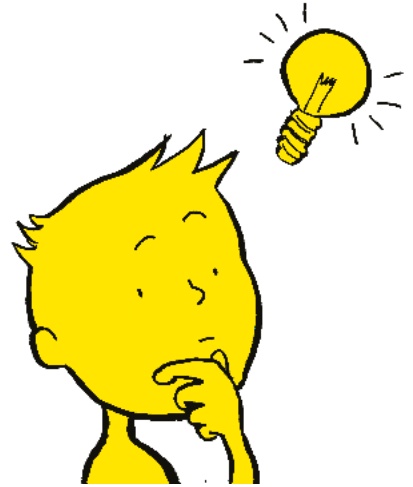
Digital Space Mat.





# The Benefits

- Focused
- Eliminates distraction
- Allows thinking time
- Time to process information
- Minimise misunderstanding, I get it right for Finlay!
- Happier home.

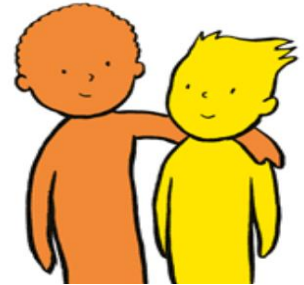
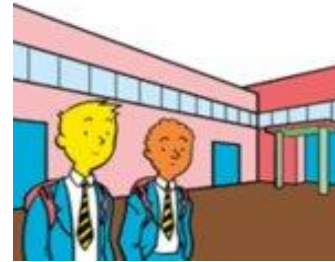




# Further Benefits & Inclusion



- Home & School
- Sibling's, Family & Friends
- Finlay is listened to
- Supported in expressing his views
- Views are taken into account
- Involved in the decision-making processes – Jack
- Share power & responsibility.









Yes



Not sure



No



Strangers



Is it ok to...?





Yes

A little bit

No



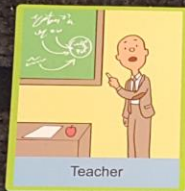
Where you live



Visitors to my house



Family background



Teacher



Carers



Health staff



Neighbours



Out of school care



School



My wider world



Learning assistant

Do you like...?





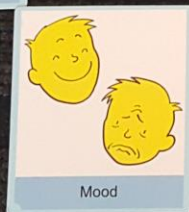
Happy



Ok



Not happy



How do you feel about...?





***“My Mat gives me a space to communicate,  
it gives me a voice.”***

