

What is Makaton?

Makaton is a unique language programme that uses symbols, signs and speech to enable people to communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression.

For those who have experienced the frustration of being unable to communicate meaningfully or effectively, Makaton really can help. Makaton takes away that frustration and enables individuals to connect with other people and the world around them. This opens up all kinds of possibilities.

Today over 100,000 children and adults use Makaton symbols and signs, either as their main method of communication or as a way to support speech.

Makaton has been shown to be useful for all sorts of people including those who struggle with understanding concepts, those who have poor literacy skills, including grammatical knowledge, and those with English as an Additional Language. By using Makaton, children and adults can take a more active part in life, because communication and language are the key to everything we do and learn.

Makaton Training Levels 1 and 2

The Level 1 and Level 2 Makaton workshops at Brent Knoll School lead to recognised qualifications from the Makaton Charity and are delivered by an experienced teacher who is a qualified Makaton Tutor. The courses cover Stages 1-4 of the Makaton Core Vocabulary and Additional Vocabulary.

Makaton Level 1 is a good introduction to Makaton and how it can encourage and develop communication skills. The course covers Makaton Core Vocabulary Stages 1-2 and half of the Additional Vocabulary.

Makaton Level 2 builds upon the vocabulary and skills learnt in Makaton Level 1 and covers Stages 3-4 of the Core Vocabulary and the other half of the Additional Vocabulary. Participants need to have completed Level 1 in order to take part in Level 2.

Each participant will be given a manual to accompany the course which includes drawings of all the signs and symbols learnt. Certificates of attendance will be given on full attendance and completion of the sessions. The training will be delivered face to face at Brent Knoll School.

The cost of the Level 1 course is £100.

The cost of the Level 2 course is £100.

These courses are free to parents and carers of students at Brent Knoll School.

Please contact Gina at g.evans@brentknollschool.co.uk for more information and course availability.