KHANYISA TOGETHER · VISUAL GUIDE

Every way counts:
communication beyond speech

Words, gestures, signs, pictures and AAC devices are all real communication.



ABOUT AAC

AAC (symbol boards, picture cards, speech devices) adds to or supports speech. Research does not show that using AAC stops speech from developing.

Ways children share what matters

Body, gaze & gestures

Pointing, reaching, pulling a hand, looking away.

Sounds, words & signs

Vocalisations, spoken words, or hand signs.

Pictures & symbol boards

Printed boards, communication books or photos.

Speech-generating devices

Apps or tablets matched to the individual child.

TRY PAUSE · NOTICE · RESPOND

1. Pause a few extra seconds. 2. Notice any cue or symbol. 3. Respond warmly and keep the same words, signs or AAC tools within reach at both home and school.

WHEN TO SPEAK WITH A SPECIALIST

A speech-language therapist can help choose communication tools suited to your child. Seek assessment if communication suddenly changes. Educational only — not medical advice.