



## **Interventions at St James' Infant and Nursery School**

### **Social Stories**

#### **How it works**

A social story describes a situation, skill or concept in terms of relevant social cues, perspectives and responses in a specially defined style and format. The aim of a social story is to share social information in a reassuring manner that is easily understood by a pupil.

Social stories were first developed for pupils with an Autistic Spectrum Condition and are used to support many of our pupils in this way, often written into Individual Education Plans. However, they can be used effectively by all pupils and something that many of our pupils will access.

Social stories can be used to help children understand many issues that they may have difficulty with such as toileting, dressing, why we wash, why we need to get our hair cut etc. they can be delivered by any member of staff and simply involve talking through pictures about the different skills and explaining why they are important. This is usually delivered over a period of weeks and reinforced at home too.

The social stories are obtained from many sources but can also be written by staff to cater for a pupil's specific needs.