



Care and Repair

Lending Library for Children
with Disabilities





Introduction

“If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away.”

[Henry David Thoreau 1854]

Vivark Care & Repair, in conjunction with Speak Family Forum and Knowsley Council have initiated a Lending Library in response to requests from parents and carers. The library is aimed at providing equipment and books that can support children with neuro-developmental conditions, such as Autism and ADHD.

Rather than having to pay for equipment only to find it is unsuitable or that the child tires of it quickly, it was felt that a try before you buy loan arrangement was needed. There is no obligation to buy, you can simply loan the items if that is what you'd prefer.

Included in this user friendly booklet is a range of items that are designed to develop sensory skills and support communication. Your thoughts on any of the equipment stocked or other items that you would like to see included are welcomed. This is not an exhaustive list of the resources available and a full list of items can be requested using the contact details at the back of this leaflet.

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Tactile Sensory Bag

A fabulous bag containing a range of exciting textures and shapes for your child to explore while having fun and developing tactile sensory skills. Squeeze the crocodile, roll the super textured easy grip balls, press the squidgy fish and tickle the wriggly stretchy centipedes.

- Sensory stimulation for all ages
- Relaxation and stress relief
- Stimulate tactile awareness
- Hardwearing yet pliable to the touch

This is a range of stimulating and fun experiences in one bag, never ending stimulation with thingamajigs to fondle, press, bounce, throw, catch, stretch, and roll. Use to introduce new textures to children who are tactile defensive.

Or to encourage relaxation and relieve tension try the collection of the highly therapeutic and stimulating massagers and brushes which offer massage, exercise and tactile awareness.



Visual Effects Sensory Bag

Experience a visual sensory journey with an exciting and inspiring range of appealing eye catching and attention grabbing visual toys and resources. A range of objects that offer visual stimulation and help develop concentration by using vivid changing colours and shapes. The ooze and glitter tubes provide slow movement whilst the jump bean is quick and

exciting, the coiled spring retains its shape whatever the manipulation and the spiral tube makes a satisfying clattering noise.

Develop different perspectives of colour, size, image and reflections, each product offers different visual effects.



Optical Effects Sensory Bag

Using various fun and imaginative types of equipment this bag is guaranteed to provide a wealth of visual stimulation which helps children to recognise their own features and expressions using the colourful animal shaped mirrors. They can explore the reflective crunchy and crinkly surface of a space blanket when laid on or make a den or play hide and seek under it, magnify their world or see it through a range of different coloured sensory shapes which give a satisfying gurgle of water when tipped or tilted.

Develop concentration skills exploring the different patterns in a kaleidoscope.



Sound

Making music is stimulating and fun for children of all ages. Your child can develop group and individual skills while exploring a range of sound effects with our musical instrument boxes. Experience the sounds of the magical rain sticks, shake roll or turn to 'make it rain'.

Our set of babies' instruments contains a Rainbow Shaker, Baby Maraca, Clip Clap Shaker and a Cage Bell, perfect to develop noise recognition and dexterity skills. For older children we can supply a super collection of percussion instruments; a Clacker, Triangle, Tambourine and Shaker bells, perfect to allow little musicians to develop skills through play.



Sensory Lights & Sensory Bubbles

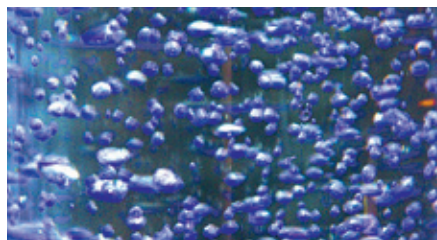
These mesmerising, calming bubble lights and plasma lamps come in a range of sizes and effects. They create the perfect calming, exciting and captivating experience in any sensory room or a small area. Children will love to watch and follow the bubble; a fantastic way to provide “visual tracking” exercises in a fun and engaging way.

We have:-

- **Fibre optic strands** create an engaging, stimulating and inclusive environment, unlocking the individuals senses as they discover, explore and enjoy the changing lights (complete with connector).
- **Fibre optic carpet** with twinkle-effect that produces colour changing sparkles. Safe to walk or lie on. A never ending multi engaging sensory experience (complete with connector).
- **Bubble tubes** offer a unique sensory experience providing a captivating and exciting focal point in sensory rooms or bedrooms. Develops concentration and touch with a calming effect.
- Ever popular **Lava lamps** are ideal to bring a calming effect after stimulation or to develop concentration and colour recognition

Please note these products require mains supply





Picture Exchange Communication Cards

How can you communicate with someone who has little or no ability to talk or use sign language? One solution is picture cards, whether cut from magazine or purchased as a set. These picture cards offer autistic individuals the ability to communicate needs, desires, and even ideas without the need for spoken language.

Since many people on the autistic spectrum tend to learn visually, it makes good sense to communicate with images. Images are a universal means of communication -- and our PECS are

just as understandable by strangers or young peers as by parents or therapists.

A series of picture cards containing First Words Symbols and Picture to promote communication and help children understand and convey their feelings and needs to others.

The cards measure 6cm by 6cm (the perfect size for the portable key ring), and are wipe clean. The Signs and Symbols Include: Instruction, Out and About, Food and Drink, 1st words and Behaviour.



Noise Reduction & Cancelling Ear Phones

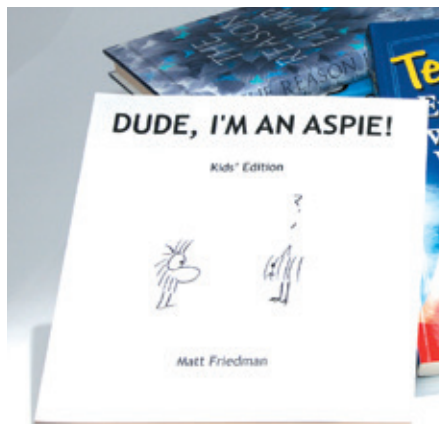
Turn on the noise cancelling and shut out the world and turn on to focus on your music, or turn on the noise cancelling to just get pleasure from the silence, without totally obliterating voice sounds. These headsets are vital to all nervous flyers to reduce the

whirring noise of a plane engine or to reduce the volume of street noises such as traffic or building work. Comfortable and adjustable for extra ease.



Books

We can offer a choice of engaging and inspiring books for parents and teachers trying to understand their child's needs or for teenagers trying to explain their feelings to others. Our books are fun to read but educational in content, a whole new dimension of reading material to inspire readers on the journey of discovery and those trying to come to terms with Autism or Asperger's Syndrome.



How to Reserve/ order an item

Most of the items in the library are available to loan on a 3 weekly basis by simply emailing or phoning Vivark Care & Repair at the Centre for Independent Living [CIL] via the contact details at the back of this leaflet. You will be required to leave your details and sign a form confirming that the item is for loan and will be returned within the period stated. The higher cost items will also require a current credit card number to be submitted before the item can be taken away from the CIL. Nothing will be charged to the credit card unless the item is not returned within the timeframe stipulated at the start of the loan period.

If a particular item is already on loan when you contact the CIL your name will be added to a list and you will be contacted as soon as the item becomes available. Please also note that items may be subject to a shorter loan period during the summer months.

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