

# COURSEPROFILE.

## Signing with Children: Babies, Toddlers & Primary School Children

### Foundation Course



#### What is it?

This is an amazing & fun short course for anyone interested in signing with children. You will learn the benefits of signing with **all** children, not just those with a speech, hearing or learning difficulty. You will learn how signing supports and encourages speech development and does not inhibit it. You will see how signing with a child reduces tantrums and frustration for both adult and child and how it creates a more peaceful environment.

Research has proven that 'adding signs to a child's repertoire not only leads to better communication, it also speeds up the process of learning to talk, stimulates intellectual development, enhances self esteem and strengthens the bond between adult and child\*.

All of the signs taught are British Sign Language (BSL) and are compatible with the MAKATON signing system.

#### What skills do I need?

No previous knowledge or signing experience is required.

#### How will I learn?

You will learn through personal demonstration, video footage and fun interactive games. You will be shown footage of the progress of a baby who is being taught to sign. At 12 months old, she can sign over 30 words. By 17 months she has started to spell simple 3 letter words.

\*Research carried out by Linda Acredolo Professor of Psychology and Susan Goodwyn Professor of Psychology and Child Development.

By 2.5 years old, she is independently spelling 4 letter words and has the understanding of letters and sounds comparable to that of a 5 year old. In addition to her signing abilities, you will see how advanced her speech and communication is, even at 12 months old.

#### Who takes it?

This course is designed for anyone interested in learning more about signing with young children, including parents, grandparents, teachers, childcare professionals, carers, medical staff, in fact anyone who wants to understand more about signing with children and how it works.

#### What can I do with it?

On completion of this course, you will be fully equipped to teach a child to sign. You will also be able to communicate with a child who already signs. As all the signs taught are BSL and compatible with MAKATON, you will be able to communicate at a simple level with BSL & MAKATON users.

#### Any other useful information?

This course is delivered over 4 hours. You will receive a book containing all the signs taught. On completion of the course, you will receive a certificate of attendance which can be used as a record of your CPD.

These courses are delivered by Carolyn O'Neil, also known as 'The Babysign Teacher'. Carolyn has been teaching adults to sign with babies and young children since 2006.

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