



Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) ...

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) is the name given to devices, tools, systems and strategies used to support children with Complex Communication Needs (CCN). AAC encompasses all communication from simple gestures and vocalisations to visual prompts and sophisticated eye-gaze devices. Children at The Briars are emergent communicators, developing their understanding.

All children at The Briars have CCN and educators use a wide variety of AAC to support their developing communication. Educators use and model a child's individual AAC that is prescribed by their Speech Pathologists as well as a range of additional AAC at The Briars. High level exposure to AAC provides children the opportunity to 'babble' as they explore AAC, learn the functions of communication and develop relationships with others. As a child develops their sense of agency, they can request, question, agree, disagree, share opinions and develop relationships with others. When a child uses AAC it is always respected as their voice and celebrated!

