### SEND SERVICES GUIDES

# **Attention Autism**

#### What is Attention Autism?

**Attention Autism** is an intervention model designed by Gina Davies, a Specialist Speech, and Language Therapist. It aims to develop natural and spontaneous communication using visually based and highly motivating activities. Gina's primary objective is that the sessions are fun and "offer an irresistible invitation to learn"!

#### **Aims of Attention Autism**

- 1. To engage the attention
- 2. To improve joint attention
- 3. To develop shared enjoyment in group activities
- 4. To increase attention in adult-led activities
- 5. To encourage spontaneous interaction in a natural group setting
- 6. To increase non-verbal and verbal communication through commenting
- 7. To build wealth and depth of vocabulary
- 8. To have fun!

## What are the Attention Autism Stages?

- 1. the bucket
- 2. the attention builder
- 3. the interactive game
- 4. independent working

See separate SEND Service guides for each stage.

### **Useful References and Links**

https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=attention+autism+gina+davies&qpvt=attention+autism+gina+davies&FORM=VDRE

How to use Attention Autism to improve communication - The Autism Page How to do attention autism

Bucket-Time-Ideas.pdf (sendat.academy)