



INFORMATION SHEET: See & Learn project

This Email has been sent out to raise awareness of a project is being rolled out by Down Syndrome Ireland. The key contact for this project is Gavin Mc Donnell, See & Learn project leader, who can be contacted via the following email gavin@downsyndrome.ie

The See and Learn programme has been developed by Professor Sue Buckley and colleagues in Down Syndrome Education International, to support early language development for children with Down syndrome. This project provides free access to training and materials to enable you or the people working with your child to implement the See & Learn programme.

Materials will be provided to parents or early years educators who attend training with Down Syndrome Ireland and have a child who is a member of DSI. Training courses will be provided regionally by Down Syndrome Ireland in the last two weeks of August (19th-30th).

We are inviting your child to take part in this project named "See & Learn project." Participation in this project is entirely voluntary, and you can remove your child from the study at any point in time with no consequence.

Your child's preschool will be asked to commit to working on the See & Learn programme for a minimum of three, ten-minute sessions per week over a period of 6 months. You will be asked to complete the DSE vocabulary checklists at the beginning and end of the programme. These checklists will be used initially to identify specific vocabulary targets for your child, and then to see if your child's vocabulary has improved.

At the end of this project, we will look at the information from all the children and analyse to see if the Programme has been helpful for developing their understanding of vocabulary. We will also ask parents and early years educators their opinions about the programme. All information collected will be completely anonymised. If this programme is successful, we plan to use the anonymised results to lobby government to pay for the ongoing rollout. The data collected will be stored in the project leader's office for seven years securely and safely. Any information stored on a computer will be stored by Gavin Mc Donnell on a computer that is password protected.

If you have any further queries regarding the information for this project, please do not hesitate to contact me, using the above email address.

Kind regards,

Gavin Mc Donnell
See & Learn project leader