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Learning difficulty or disability which makes it much harder for children to learn than other pupils of the same age

How we adapted Zippy’s Friends for pupils with special needs
Evaluation and research
Activities
Class video
Funding
Find someone who is different to you....
Butterflies in Your Tummy

nervous
Adapting Zippy’s Friends for children with SEND
SNS - Widgit Symbols

Symbols help to communicate ideas and information.
This is the story about three friends.

Leela and Tig are sister and brother.

Their best friend is Sandy.

They live in a small town which is on the banks of a big river.

They all like each other a lot.
SNS – Level 2 Story

Leela and Tig are twins. Their best friend is called Sandy. They live next door to each other. They all go to the same school.
SNS – Level 3 Story

Leela, Tig and Sandy are friends.
SNS – Level 4 Story
Pilot Sunfield Special School

- Residential school in the UK
- Severe and complex special needs and many on the autistic spectrum
- Evaluation after Module 1
- 15 students in four classes

“The success of this module is truly stunning. There are clear indications of the children displaying empathy. Typically this is an area of great difficulty for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.” - Prof Barry Carpenter
Evaluation

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Good mental health for children - for life
Teachers’ Ratings

Significant improvements in:
- Communication
- Cooperation
- Assertion
- Responsibility
- Self-awareness
Key Areas in Emotional Literacy

(Salovey and Mayer, 1990)

Improved:

✍️ Self-awareness
✍️ Ability to manage emotions
✍️ Relationship skills
✍️ Emotion recognition skills
Parents Reported

- Behavioural improvements
- Communication skills
- Mood

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Coping worksheet

Ways I can feel better
Class video
Funding

• Funded evaluation

• Funded training & resources

• Schools buy training and resources
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