

## CoSI Group Staff Team

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## An Introduction to

## Communication and Social Interaction (CoSI) group

Support  
and advice  
from the  
CoSI Team

Develop  
communication  
and social  
interaction  
with your child

Extend  
your child's  
play and  
learning

Meet other  
parents and  
carers

Working in  
partnership  
with your  
child's pre-  
school

Supporting  
transition  
to school

Please let us know if you are unable to  
attend a session.

Our telephone number is:

01432 356 438



## The CoSI Group

Learning through play about:

- Communication
- Interaction with others
- Widening your child's enjoyment and acceptance of a range of activities and experiences.



Playroom at the Child Development Centre twice a week:

COSI 1 - Mondays 1pm-3pm &  
Wednesdays 9.30am-11.30am

COSI 2 - Thursdays 1pm-3pm & Fridays  
9.30am-11.30am  
....during term time only.

Parents are welcome to stay initially to help their child to settle in.

Members of the CoSI team are available to offer information, advice and support or to talk over things you may want to discuss concerning you and your child.

The CoSI Group is teacher led with trained support staff. The group has a maximum of 5 children with 4 or 5 adults each session. A Speech and Language Therapist is also part of the CoSI team.

The group is designed to support children with **Communication and Social Interaction** difficulties (CoSI), including children who have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

We aim to provide a routine so that children can anticipate changes and feel secure.

During group sessions we will use visual support materials, for example objects, photographs, pictures and symbols to encourage understanding and to support the development of communication, as appropriate to the individual children.

We see ourselves working in partnership with you because you know your child better than anyone else.

With your permission, CoSI staff will liaise with other people involved with your child and link with the appropriate services.

The group runs along the lines of a pre-school setting, offering a wide range of motivating activities to engage your child in play and learning; including painting, craft, sand, water, floor and table top activities, outside play and soft play apparatus and a small sensory room. The group provides opportunities for your child to work 1:1 with an adult on focused tasks.

Please bring a change of clothes for your child as we often have 'messy play' activities. It is advisable to dress children in fairly casual clothing. We also ask parents supply a sun hat for good weather and apply sun cream to their child's skin before attending group.

Please provide your child a drink and choice of 2 snacks to each session. (No nuts or nut products). Please let staff know if your child has any allergies, dietary preferences or specific requirements.



Maximum attendance and routine is an important aspect of the CoSI sessions. As routine can help children to feel more secure, we request that if you are able to aim to arrive on time to bring your child, and to collect them this helps with a consistent routine.

Thank you for your support.