



INTERACT NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME



to the October 2026 release of the
INTERACT newsletter!

The study is looking at an intervention to support communication skills in children and young people with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD).

NEXT STEPS FOR SETTINGS

We will be contacting you again in November about completing the final questionnaires and videos for the study.

We are so grateful for your ongoing support. **Please note that the way you upload the videos has changed slightly. We have sent you the updated instructions so you know exactly what to do. If you're able to look over these ahead of time and start planning when you might complete the video recordings and questionnaires, that would be really appreciated.**

We will contact parents/carers separately about their final questionnaire.

START

32 Wks

52 Wks



Your setting will receive a further £175 after completing the final follow-up (Nov-Dec 2026) (total £350)!

Educational Settings that have not yet received Intensive Interaction training will be offered this after completing the final follow up



THANK YOU

We are very grateful to all Educational Settings taking part in the **2025-2026** phase of the INTERACT study. Your contribution to this important area of research is hugely valued. Thank you for completing the questionnaires and returning videos. Thanks to your support, we reached our target number of videos for this stage of the study. We truly appreciate the time and effort that went into making this possible.

"We appreciate all the time and energy you, your team and the children and young people have put in to providing us with the INTERACT videos. It is a real privilege for the video team to view the wonderful relationships and interactions between staff and children. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and involvement in the INTERACT study."

- Professor Jill Bradshaw & Joanne Sweeney
(University of Birmingham)

HAVE YOUR SAY



You should recently have received an email with a link to a survey about your settings experience of taking part in the study. The feedback you provide is incredibly valuable and will help us improve the way we run studies in the future. If you have not already done so, we would appreciate it if you could complete the survey.

QUERIES AND QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or concerns related to the INTERACT study, please see our website (www.interacttrial.com/contact-us) for further information or contact us using the details below. If you have a concern about a participating child or young person or they experience an incident, event, negative change (e.g. to their communication or behaviour) or out of character distress that may be related to taking part in the INTERACT trial, please report this to the INTERACT team at the University of York (details below) as soon as possible. Please use the child's participant ID (available from the lead contact within your school) rather than their name when reporting via email.

