



Signalong

What is signalong ?

- Signalong is a key word sign supported communication system. This means you only sign the main information carrying words in a sentence.
- The signs are used in spoken word order.
- It uses speech, body language, facial expression and tone of voice to reference the link between the sign and word.

Signalong is based on British Sign Language (BSL) and most of the signs are unaltered. There are lot of sign supported systems but in Worcestershire but we use Signalong.

Why use signalong ?

Signalong is a **Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) system**. Signalong is flexible and adaptable so it can support a child's level of understanding. People who use Signalong can communicate their emotions, needs, wants, they can refuse and comment. Signalong is visual and kinaesthetic (do) system.

Who benefits from signalong ?

People who have a delay or who have difficulty using spoken words and/or producing those words can benefit from the use of signs.

How does it help?

- Gives a child a child a way of communicating
- Allows a child to understand
- Reduces frustration
- Supports language development
- Slows speech down
- Can help maintain a child's attention

For more information

Visit the Signalong website to access free downloadable resources- <https://signalong.org.uk/> or contact a member of the WFS Communication Team.