

Attention Autism

This is a fun programme that you may hear about in Reading. Many of our speech and language therapists, portage, children's centres, nurseries, pre-schools, childminders and schools are trained in delivering this to children attending their sessions. This is often called "bucket time".

Gina Davis developed the Attention Autism Programme which teaches attention skills, communication and social interaction. It aims to develop natural and spontaneous communication using visually based and highly motivating activities. Gina's primary objective is that the sessions are fun and "*offer an irresistible invitation to learn*"!

There are 4 stages to the programme:

1. Attention Builder – you may hear this as '*the bucket*'
2. Sustaining Attention
3. Turn taking and Re-engaging
4. Focusing, Shifting and Re-engaging

The programme works well with all children and provides an opportunity to create learning experiences that are motivating and of interest on a level for their developmental stage.

Further information

While this programme was initially created to be delivered to a group of children; Gina has advised that some children may benefit from this on a smaller 1:1 basis and this may be what you are shown in your home.

You can find out more here: [Practical Help with Autism | Gina Davies Autism Centre](#)

