## **COMMUNICATION SPOT**





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- School yards, public parks and kindergartens
- The need for equal communication means and visual support for outdoor play has been recognised in daycare centers.
- This product is carefully specified by early learning professionals and therapists.



The Communication Sport was designed together with speech therapist Ms. Olkinuora and occupational therapist Ms. Marttinen. They work as coordinators of the "Together Accessible" (YHES) project in city of Hyvinkää, Finland.



The first Communication Spots were installed at two kindergartens in late November 2019.

What we have learned from the two therapists so far:

- Children who have been given an equal opportunity to be able to communicate outdoors are less frustrated and calmer.
- Kindergarten staff who have seen the Communication Spot are hoping to have one in their yard.

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#### Discuss.

Brainstorm games.

## Visualize the passage of time.

Enable communication without a common language.

Express feelings and needs.

Guide activities.

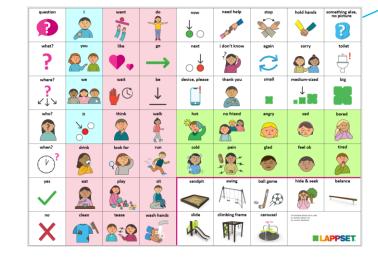
Enable children to tell their parents about their day at the daycare.



# **NEW!** in Communication Spot

This pictogram board is now designed at Lappset and it is included in the Communication Spot.

When ordering, please inform us in **which language** you want your pictogram board.





Please see the pictogram board better on the next page.



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no	clean	tease	wash hands	slide	climbing frame	carousel	PICTOGRAM BOARD EN 911498 IÔ LAPPSET GROUP LTD ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.	
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The product has an acrylic sheet on both sides of the yellow panel.

The other side can be used for example:

- site-specific pictograms that schools can make themselves
- other information and announcements

The chalkboard is also double-sided.





#### Sign with a picture

The rabbit and fox are inviting communication! The laminate sign is placed on the highest spot of the product at 2.2 metres and it is visible from afar.

#### Chalk board

The chalk board is double sided. It allows dynamic communication even if the particular symbol did not exist on the picture board, or it can be simply used on informing about something current. It can also be used on free drawing.

Dimensions:

Plywood and chalk paint surface 100 x 100 x 15 mm

#### Communication board picture symbols and stickers

Pictogram now available when you order the Communication Spot

#### **Communication board**

The stickers of the HPL panel are protected by see-through acrylic sheets, on both sides of the laminate. The stickers can be changed / updated if needed.

Dimensions:

Yellow high pressure laminate board 900 x 600 x 10 mm

Acrylic sheet: 775 x 550 x 8 mm

#### **Counting frame/ Abacus**

The counting frame can be used, for example, to count rounds or indicate a turn. And if there is a queue for swings, the bead can be moved to indicate the passage of time.

Dimensions: Green high pressure laminate 600 x 250 x 10 mm

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### What the Experts have to Say

"When I saw the Communication Spot first hand, I thought it would be the perfect addition to the new play area at Josiah College, a purpose-built specialist school for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Each classroom 'pod' at the school has a room where visiting therapists work on the individual needs of each student.

It would be wonderful to be able to incorporate the communication tools used in these sessions into outdoor play and the

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provides the perfect solution for this."

## HAMILTON HAYES HENDERSONMegan Berry, Architectural Project LeaderA R C H I T E C T S est.78Hamilton Hayes Henderson Architects, Brisbane

"Communication Spot is an Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) product which takes the form of a communication board. This amazing product utilises Multi Modal Communication in the form of pictures and boards for written communication that can be employed by children who may have limitations in their ability to speak using verbal language.

Many children who are living with a disability or special needs may have difficulties communicating verbally and require alternative modes of communication.

The Spot provides these children with a way to continue, maintain or gain the ability to express their needs, wants, choices or emotions. It allows them to relate, engage and connect with other children so they can form meaningful relationships and a shared understanding of one another."



Blair Pack, Speech Pathologist/Director, BSpHSc. MSpPath. Care2Communicate Speech Pathology, Sydney



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