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CREATING OPTIMUM CONDITIONS FOR LEARNING

## The Communication Friendly Spaces™ Toolkit – Version 2009

Re-designed and updated, this publication aims to help those working with children and young people to re-consider the role of the learning environment in terms of improving speaking and listening skills, emotional well-being and general engagement. It blends research and practical ideas to help readers to audit and improve the environment they offer.

Since the original toolkit, we have worked with over 15,000 delegates from a wide range of contexts and in this updated version, the aim apart from reflecting the emerging landscape in terms of funding streams and national developments, is to share our much deeper understanding of this area of work.

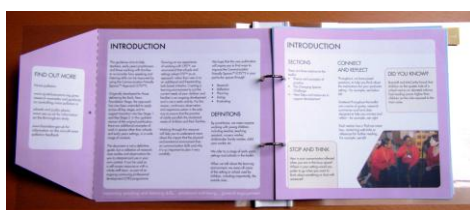
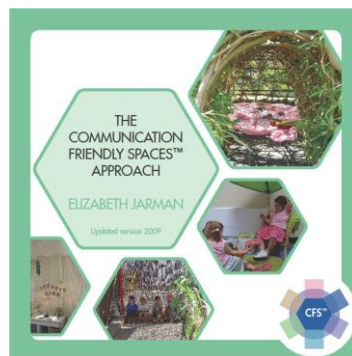
This toolkit features some new sections, for example on pupil voice and consultation. This has proved to be really key in understanding how children interact with the space and their preferred contexts for learning.

We want to encourage reflection when using the toolkit and so have incorporated places for readers to engage and note down their thoughts, to 'make it theirs' and connected to their context.

CFS™ principles have been used to influence practice and impact in many settings, so we have added more variety in terms of case studies to reflect this. The case study section will continue to grow, we have several additional case study packs in progress, for example on transitional spaces, outside spaces and public learning spaces, so that readers can customise their copy of the toolkit according to specific interests and needs.

The website contains with a wealth of material which is regularly updated. We are keen for readers to make use of the site to extend their thinking and currently have about 12 DVD clips available for people to download and use with colleagues. There are also a range of audit tools and referenced articles to browse.

Please visit [www.elizabethjarmanltd.co.uk](http://www.elizabethjarmanltd.co.uk) or contact us on 01233 822193 for more information.



"This is a fantastic resource, full of great ideas. It really made me look at my environment in a much more informed way."

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