

# Top Tips for Listening to Children & Young People with SEND



**1. Take time, and be patient with us - don't put us on the spot and give us time to prepare what we want to say....and how we want to say it.**



**2. Check we understand what we are being asked, and if we don't understand, try something different - be creative!**



**3. If you are talking for us, say what we want others to hear.**

**4. Be honest with us - if what we want isn't possible, tell us why.**



**5. Make sure we agree and understand the decisions that are being made....because it's our life.**

