



MAKATON WORKSHOP LEVEL 1 ONLINE - What will I learn and what will I receive?

The Makaton Workshop Level 1 is the starting point for learning Makaton. It is recommended for parents/carers who use Makaton with their family at home, as well as for staff in educational, health, care and leisure settings who interact with children and adults who use Makaton to help them communicate.

It provides a practical introduction to the Makaton Language Programme and covers commonly asked questions, hints and tips for effective signing and symbol use, as well as how to start using Makaton in everyday situations.

The Makaton Charity have recently introduced an online version. The content of the workshop is the same as the face to face version so you will learn the signs and symbols from Stages 1 and 2 of the Core Vocabulary and part of the Additional Stage.

You will receive a Participant's Manual through the post before the workshop which includes the presentation materials as well as all the signs and symbols for the vocabulary covered in the workshop. Some additional 'handouts' will also be emailed to you before the workshop which it would be helpful to have printed or viewable on your phone/computer.

You will also receive a Certificate of Attendance through the post after the workshop. The Certificate of Attendance has no expiry date which means there is no requirement to repeat the Makaton Workshop Level 1 in the future. You just need to keep the certificate as you will need it to attend further Makaton training, such as Level 2.

MAKATON WORKSHOP LEVEL 1 ONLINE - How long is it and where does it take place?

The workshops take place via Zoom at various days/times including daytime, evenings and weekends.

There will be plenty of short breaks and time away from the screen. Please be ready to start promptly and keep your phone handy in case of any problems.

You will be emailed a link to the session. You don't need to download Zoom, just click on the link in the email. If you are using a work laptop, check that you can access the link before the first session as some security settings don't allow access to Zoom. When prompted, click on 'join with video' and 'join with audio' – you can test both your camera and microphone at this point to check they are working.

The icons to turn the camera and microphone on/off are at the bottom left of the Zoom screen. You can use them for privacy reasons during the sessions e.g. if a family member enters your room, and I will turn off your microphone at various points to avoid background noise.

The icons to change what you are seeing on your screen are at the top right of the Zoom screen. "Gallery" view means you will be able to see all the participants equally. When I am teaching the actual signs please change to "Speaker" view so that I fill the screen.

You need to access the sessions on a desktop, laptop or tablet – a phone screen is NOT big enough for you to see me signing clearly. I also need to be able to see your hands in front of your torso.

You must attend all three sessions to receive the certificate. It is helpful if you can arrange to be undisturbed during the sessions as far as possible.

The Makaton Charity are allowing are only 8 participants per workshop for quality purposes.

MAKATON WORKSHOP LEVEL 1 ONLINE - How much is it?

The price per participant has been fixed by the Makaton Charity and is £59.00.

Payment MUST be made by Bank Transfer (A/C Name J C Bryenton, A/C No 53111008, Sort Code 20-26-82) as soon as a place has been confirmed. Your postal and email address are required at the time of booking. As soon as payment is received your manual will be posted to you. Please don't worry if the manual doesn't arrive in time but it would be helpful to have a pen and paper to hand. You will be emailed all the other information.

MAKATON WORKSHOP LEVEL 1 ONLINE - Who is it delivered by?

I am a qualified and licensed Makaton Tutor. I have personal experience of using Makaton with my own family. I am passionate about helping people to learn and use Makaton.

If these dates/times don't suit you, please call/email me and let me know what day/time would work best for you. My plan is to deliver several Level 1 workshops over the next few weeks, and then a Level 2 workshop after that.