



## **HELPFUL HOME LEARNING HINTS** **FOR TEACHING CHILDREN WITH** **SEVERE LEARNING DIFFICULTIES**



Here are some simple and useful ways in which you can help your child to learn to the best of their ability whilst working at home. These tips include things that you can easily manage in the home environment to create the best space for your child to learn. If you require any further information about any of these tips, please contact your child's teacher through the weekly calls with staff or via your child's class parent email address.

- 1) Provide a distraction-free environment by turning off the television, radio or any appliances that make a noise around the home.
- 2) Have a clear place to work that is appropriate for your child's needs e.g. at a table or seated on the floor or a particular area you explore together
- 3) Try and provide a mix of virtual online sessions from the Orchard website as well as activities that are sent home
- 4) Provide regular movement breaks for your child—if they're able to go outside for some fresh air try this, if they're able to walk or run get them active for 5 minutes, if they're in a wheelchair and have less independent movement; try stretches or change of position
- 5) Lots of praise when they do a tiny task—maybe they could have a particular toy or reward after a session
- 6) Try the activities inside and outside; you may find your child engages better in a particular location