

# Parents and Children Together (PACT)

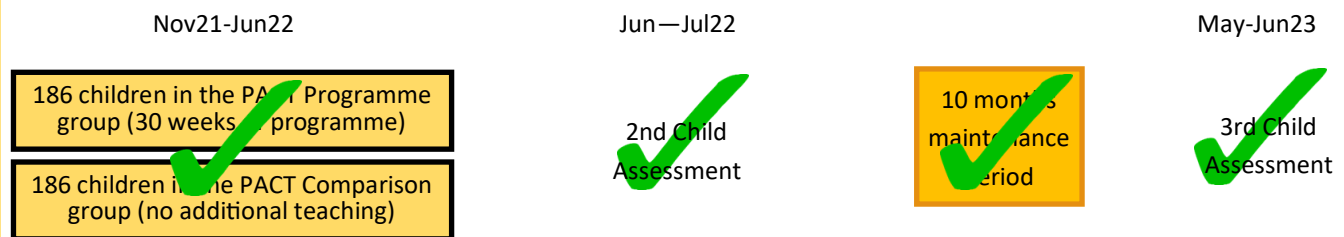


Dear PACT Leads,

We hope that you have been keeping well. We are now at the end of the PACT-3 project, and we want to say a big thank you for all of the hard work and support you have given PACT! We hope that you have enjoyed being a part of the project, and we will keep you updated on the findings.

## Where are we up to with the PACT-3 project?

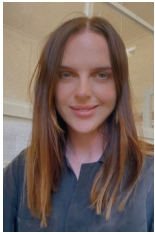
### Project timeline



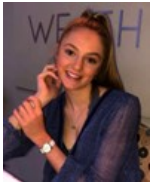
During May and June this year, our University of Manchester team of researchers visited your school to complete some fun language assessments with the children, to test the effectiveness of PACT. The PACT team at Durham University also supported you at school to complete some more language activities with the children through an App called Language Screen. All of the children were fantastic and we have sent them a **£10 Love2Shop voucher** with this newsletter, as a big thank you for their great work! Please could you distribute these to their parents when you receive them. All assessments for PACT-3 are now complete, and we cannot thank you enough for your support throughout the whole project. The data from the assessments will now be sent to our team in Durham for independent analysis, and we hope to share these findings with you soon. In the meantime, our team in Durham have been working on the first report for PACT-3, which will highlight our findings from the assessments that the children took part in last year. We will keep you updated on these findings as soon as they are published.



### What's next for our PACT team?



Nic is starting a full-time lectureship in September of this year, where she will lecture on the BSc Psychology programme at the University of Manchester. Nic will keep in touch with the rest of the PACT team, and we hope to work on new and exciting projects together in the future.



Orlaith and Niamh finish their placement with us this month and so will leave us to continue their studies on their psychology programmes. We wish them the best of luck in the future.



### PACT-DS

You may remember back in November we introduced you to our sister project PACT-DS. Our PACT-DS team have almost completed Stage 1 (Aug 2022 - Aug 2023) where they have been working with 6 families and their children with Down syndrome to identify and evaluate adaptations to the programme, and created an adapted version specifically tailored to children with Down syndrome, which we call PACT-DS. Over the summer, we will be preparing to make final adaptations to PACT-DS and start Stage 2 (commencing Sept 2023), where are aiming to work with 30 families with 3-6 year-old children with Down syndrome to explore the feasibility of the programme and the potential of PACT-DS to support children's language and literacy development.



We would like to take this opportunity once again to thank all of our PACT Leads for such immense support throughout the last two years of PACT-3. We genuinely couldn't have completed this project without your support, enthusiasm and commitment, and for that, we are enormously grateful. We will be in touch with any PACT updates including the overall findings from the project. In the meantime, if you have any questions or anything you would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to get in touch using the details below.

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