**Communication - Ice Breaker Activity**

**Resources**: Paper and pens, print off the pictures attached

**Time**: 10min

**Aims**:

To learn how to communicate effectively by using clear speech and listening.

To understand the importance of effective communication.

**Q:** What is communication? What are the different ways we can communicate?

**Activity**: We are going to see how good your communication skills are. Everyone will need to get into pairs and decide who will be a describer and who will be a drawer. \*\*You will then need to sit with your backs to one another. The Describer will have an image in front of them that they need to describe to the picture to drawer. The describer is not allowed to show the image to the drawer, it must be communicated verbally. Give them some time to do this then when everyone is done get them to compare the original picture to the drawing.

**Talk**: The activity that we have just done shows us the importance of effective communication. I’m sure that a lot of these pictures are different to what was being described. It doesn’t mean that they are wrong it was just the way the drawer interpreted what was being said. This can happen sometimes in life when we have said something and others may have misunderstood what we were talking about. When this happens its important to make sure what you are saying is clear and if there is any confusion then it is important to ask questions and clarify what it is they are saying. By learning to communicate effectively we can become more productive and avoid misunderstandings that could be hurtful.

\*\* This was written prior to social distancing measures for COVID were implemented. Please adapt to allow for new measures. May also be completed virtually by turning off cameras for example.