How to use VUICHERS

Child displays or feels the emotion

Child acknowledges their emotions

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Child either asks for, or takes a PEC from the display (depending on the class' agreed method) and places it in front of them on the desk.

Adult observes the child display the emotion

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Adult provides the child with the PEC that they think is how they are feeling. Offering it with two hands



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Child B observes Child A

displaying the emotion

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takes, a PEC from the display (depending on the

class' agreed method)

and places it on the desk

in front of Child A.









When appropriate, child goes to the nominated adult with their PEC. Ideally this is handed over using two hands and accepted with two hands. Using the book, the faces are then shown and the child is asked if they are feeling any of those emotions, or would they like to draw their own. Time is offered for this activity, so that the pace is slowed.



Child is asked, "Have you felt like this for long?" Allow silence and space for an answer. Then repeat back their answer to them.



Child is then asked, "And how does that feel inside your body?" Again time and space is allowed and then the words repeated back to show that the adult is actively listening



The vOUCHer is then selected. The child should be given options, based on the vOUCHers that the school has agreed to use at the child's age and stage. Specific vOUCHers, linked to their feelings should be read out to them – so that they can hear the words. Over time, the child may be able to quickly identify which vOUCHer they would like to use.



Allow the child time to choose who they would like to give their vOUCHer to and if they would like to fold it in the origami way. If the receiver is a parent or carer, consider ringing home to forewarn and advise on how to support.

