

## **Capturing the Voice of The Child through play based, resilience building interventions**

### **How our assessments help families-**

Experienced child practitioners capture the views, needs and wishes of the child in a therapeutic, stress reducing weekly play session.

A report is shared with parents and professionals that captures the voice of the child.

Parents are supported to gain increased awareness of the needs of their child and how they can work together to create an environment that feels safe, secure and predictable.

Additional support can then be accessed (by a further referral) to improve parental communication, to re-establish trust between parents and children and to find new ways of being a family that no longer live together.

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Assessments or to refer into our service please  
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## The Bungalow Partnership

### Who we are

We are a registered charity whose aims are to support children, young people and their families across Tees Valley area. We are a self-sustaining organization which actively engages with Local Authorities, Schools, Public Health, Children's Services and the Voluntary Sector.

### What we do

Our team of highly qualified and experienced professional counsellors, psychotherapists, play therapists, art therapist and family mentors provide a wide range of confidential therapeutic support to children, young people and families. This support is delivered within schools and here at The Bungalow Partnership.

## Supporting Family Cohesion

The Bungalow Partnership work with families to help improve communication and to support the emotional wellbeing of each family member.

We understand that fractures and separations in families are difficult and are emotionally draining. We also understand that it can also be difficult to communicate with each other following a separation or divorce.

Children and young people can find separations very difficult and have many confusing and conflicting feelings in response to this difficult (and often unexpected) situation. They may feel angry towards one or both parents and may feel compromised by having to split their time between their parents. For some children they may struggle to communicate these feelings and parents can worry that their children's emotional wellbeing is impacted.

## Voice of The Child

### Assessments

Our Voice of The Child Assessments provide an unbiased and child-friendly approach to helping children express their needs and wishes, following parental separation.

Through play based, resilience building approaches, children are supported to express themselves (particularly their confusions, worries and conflicted thoughts) in a way that is captured to inform the planning and decision making of parents and professionals regarding arrangements for contact with their parents.

Our assessments are completed over a six-week period and though the views of parents are taken into consideration, our practitioners will focus in on the needs and wishes of the child. A report capturing the views and wishes of the child will then be shared with parents and professionals.