

## Selective Mutism: 3-Day Advanced Masterclass for Professionals, Parents and Carers. Presented by Maggie Johnson

Participants on this course will study the nature and causes of Selective Mutism, differential diagnosis, theoretical frameworks and evidence - based intervention strategies.

On days 1 and 2 the course will introduce participants to an inclusive 24/7 approach to promote social comfort and participation. When applied consistently within family and educational settings, these techniques will enable some children to fully overcome their difficulty talking, while laying a firm foundation for more formal small-steps intervention programmes if indicated. General principles to maximise progress are discussed, together with a guide to troubleshooting and dealing with regression.

On Day 3 participants will build on an introductory grounding in Selective Mutism, this session looks at conditions which frequently occur alongside Selective Mutism and asks participants to consider their roles and remit when supporting children and young people who are experiencing more than Selective Mutism. Adaptations to standard assessment and intervention techniques are discussed, together with additional management techniques and medication.

### Course Dates

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020. 9.30am – 4.15pm

### Course Venue

The Studio, 7, Cannon Street, Birmingham B2 5EP [5 mins walk from New St Station]

### Course Topics

Day 1 & 2

- Profiling, diagnosis and assessment - Management approaches; the 24/7 approach - Creating stress-free environments - Small-steps approaches and programmes for school-aged children – Working with adolescents and disengaged individuals - Guidance for troubleshooting and dealing with regression

Day 3

- Introduction to co-existing conditions - Extended assessment: general principles - Assessment and management of speech and language difficulties (including learning English as an additional language) - Autism Spectrum Disorders: the question of dual diagnosis, assessment and management - Mental Health Issues: implications and possible involvement of CAMHS - Identification and management of other anxieties and phobias - Behaviour issues and Medication - Involving other professionals and agencies - Case studies and case discussion

### More details

This 3-day Advanced Masterclass, presented by leading UK expert, Maggie Johnson is designed to offer professionals in-depth training which will support them in their work with children and young people with selective mutism. Maggie is a passionate hands-on practitioner who combines a background rooted in practice with legendary skills in sharing, inspiring and motivating others to action. The participant manual for this course is the Speechmark publication 'The Selective Mutism Resource Manual' which delegates are supplied with as part of the course fee.

The course comes with a range of options to attend either the whole 3-day Masterclass or days 1 and 2 only. Those needing to access day 3 only may do this.

### Course Fee

£375 for day 1-2 only, £499 for full 3-Day Masterclass (Book 2 or more places and a 15% discount is automatically applied) Day 3 only; £199

### How to book and pay

Bookings, or further enquiries are made online by following the link:

<https://coursebeetle.co.uk/selective-mutism-sep-2020-birmingham/>