



## Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS)

- [SESS Supported Courses](#) [1]

PECS was designed for young and preverbal children and follows eight defined stages. In this system, pupils are taught to communicate a need by exchanging an image, thus helping to enhance the pupil's communication abilities and understanding of the function of communication. The method also encourages the pupil to initiate spontaneous communication.

### Pyramid UK is providing a series of 2-day workshops in Ireland.

- Galway: Menlo Park Hotel – 12 & 13 May 2011
- Derry: City Hotel Derry – 19 & 20 May 2011
- Dublin: Park Plaza Tyrrelstown – 21 & 22 November 2011

Please note the following:

- Teachers should apply directly to PECS for places on the above course. [www.pecs.com](http://www.pecs.com) [2]
  - Places should be booked provisionally if awaiting SESS approval for funding
  - Teachers should apply to SESS for funding for the above by completing the application form via the SESS Supports Scheme.
  - The application form – 'Individual Professional Development' – can be downloaded from [www.sess.ie/supports](http://www.sess.ie/supports) [3] or from the link below.
  - Applications for funding must be submitted prior to attendance at these courses
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- [Click here for an application form to apply to the SESS for funding for the 2-day PECS courses. \[PDF - 110KB\]](#) [4]
  - [Click here for an application form to apply to the SESS for funding for the 2-day PECS courses. \[Word - 110KB\]](#) [5]



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