

Billy Breaks the Rules – Review Extracts

It encourages children to make choices and understand the consequences of their actions. I would think it would be very helpful alongside family based work; and communication and problem solving skills.

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An imaginative computer-based counselling tool for troubled youngsters...aims to let children working with a skilled helper express feelings and fears, and to experiment with choices to deal safely with difficult issues or decisions they may face.

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There is plenty of research evidence available to demonstrate how receptive children with ASD can be to computer-based learning. It is also something they are often very good at, and this program would allow them to feel confident and in control of situations where they might otherwise be anxious or vulnerable...

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This will be a welcome pack for carers struggling to get into discussion with children about their behaviour...The system is easy to use even for people with limited technological skill. It is likely to find its greatest usefulness in foster homes and those children's homes that deal with younger children, as well as with families. All in all, this CD is a useful resource, particularly in situations where confrontation has become the norm and it is difficult to get past that into constructive discussion.

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The CD-ROM focuses in on why people do and feel things; it is not just about the implications of our actions, but also about the motivation behind them. In this respect Billy Breaks the Rules is very effective, allowing children to look at problems within their own behaviour, without being judgmental or condemnatory. When Billy misbehaves we are always given a privileged view of why he has misbehaved as well as the other alternative courses of action that were available to him. In the course of the CD-ROM, the child encounters issues surrounding rebellion, guilt, fear, worry, insecurity, theft and betrayal (to name but a few) as well as loyalty, communication, security and obedience.

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