

## **COGMED TRAINING: A PARENT'S GUIDE TO SUCCESS**

#### WHAT IS COGMED?

Cogmed is a powerful and effective working memory and attention training tool that harnesses neural plasticity to create lasting cognitive improvements.

To maximise the benefits, training must follow key neuroplasticity principles:



### **KEY PRINCIPLES FOR EFFECTIVE TRAINING**

#### TIMING MATTERS

Your child needs to be mentally and emotionally ready - good frustration tolerance is required. Training should happen at a consistent time. Avoid training during stressful periods at hom

#### MOTIVATION IS KEY

Training should be something your child engages in willingly. Success is driven by motivation to improve skills-academic, sports, hobbies, or daily activities

#### INTENSITY & FOCUS

Training must be consistent and uninterrupted It can be mentally tiring, so prioritise Cogmed over other demanding activities

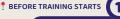
#### REPETITION **BUILDS CHANGE**

Some exercises may feel tedious, especially at higher levels. Encourage persistence -this is where real progress happens!

#### AVOID COMPENSATION STRATEGIES

Follow Cogmed's training rules. Do not suggest memory strategies or shortcuts.





Choose a training protocol that best suits your child.

Explore the Demonstration version to build familiarity.

Create a consistent routine for training sessions.

#### TRAINING SPACE & TOOLS

- A dedicated device (tablet or PC) the same one should be used throughout training.
- A reliable internet connection.
- A quiet space with no distractions.
- A dedicated training aide (a parent or support person who stays present).
- Noise-canceling headphones (recommended). 0
- A wired mouse (if using a PC). 0
- A stable work surface where your child sits upright.



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Late nights before training. COMMON PITFALLS

Not communicating with the coach when changes or challenges occur.

> Leaving the child alone during sessions.

Interruptions (holidays, parties, sports events, exams).

#### TIP

Pause homework and reduce extracurricular demands during training – this allows your child to train without excessive cognitive load.

#### **ENCOURAGEMENT & SUPPORT**

**REMIND YOUR CHILD THAT** MISTAKES ARE PART OF LEARNING.

> **Y** SET UP A REWARDS SYSTEM − GIVE MEANINGFUL REWARDS RIGHT AFTER TRAINING EACH WEEK/FORTNIGHT, INCREASING THEIR VALUE AS THE PROGRAM GETS HARDER.

PROVIDE EMOTIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT, BUT DO NOT DIRECT THEIR RESPONSES.

