



# SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY for Children and Young People

We aim to empower those working with children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) to understand and support children effectively.

## Consultation with Early Years and Teaching Staff

As part of our targeted service, we can offer early years and teaching staff time to talk with a therapist if you:

- ✓ Are you worried about a child in your nursery / class?
- ✓ Would you like to talk about targets or next steps for a child's speech and language development.
- ✓ Would like support to plan communication strategies for your classroom.
- ✓ Would like to know more about any aspect of speech, language or communication development.

### Signs of SLCN's in a classroom?

**A child or young person with SLCN may:**

- ★ Struggle with social boundaries with their peers
- ★ Need constant instructions to remember things
- ★ Want to be in control of what they do and when
- ★ Not see the point of work tasks
- ★ Be difficult to understand when they talk
- ★ Be very quiet in school
- ★ Not pay attention or understand language used in class
- ★ Struggle to explain what they are thinking and what they know
- ★ Not tell anyone when they need help
- ★ Not pass messages on to home or bring homework back into school
- ★ Struggle to answer questions or opt out with shrugged shoulders
- ★ Struggle to accept when things change or when new things are introduced
- ★ Struggle to learn or recall new vocabulary
- ★ Find interactions with peers difficult to manage.



**Please email us to tell us your reason for getting in touch and a therapist will get back to you.  
We can talk by email, over the phone or come to you at a time that suits you!**

**Email us at**  
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