

## Information about you

All the speech and language therapists work as part of the NHS and local council Children's Services. The information you give is kept confidential and may be shared between team members and other staff to help plan the best care for your child. All information we share is on a "need to know" basis and everyone will act professionally with the information you give us. We will use some of the information for monitoring purposes to make sure we are offering the right service to meet local needs. In special circumstances we may need to share information with other professionals, for example, to keep a child safe and protected from harm. Where possible we will tell you what we are sharing.

Translation? Tick this box and take to any council office.

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需要翻譯？請在這方格內加勾，並送回任何市議會的辦事處。	Cantonese <input type="checkbox"/>
ترجمه؟ لطفاً این مربع را علامگاری نموده و آن را به هر یک از دفاتر شهرداری ارائه نماید.	Farsi <input type="checkbox"/>
Traduction? Veuillez cocher la case et apporter au council.	French <input type="checkbox"/>
需要翻译？请在这方格内划勾，并送回任何市议会的办事处。	Mandarin <input type="checkbox"/>
Tłumaczenie? Zaznacz to okienko i zwróć do któregokolwiek biura samorządu lokalnego (council office).	Polish <input type="checkbox"/>
Tradução? Coloque um visto na quadricula e leve a uma qualquer repartição de poder local (council office).	Portuguese <input type="checkbox"/>
Tercümesi için kareyi işaretleyiniz ve bir semt belediye bürosuna veriniz	Turkish <input type="checkbox"/>
other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>

This can also be made available in large print, Braille, or on CD or audio tape

## Comments and complaints

We welcome comments and complaints as they help us to provide a better service. We also like to hear from you if you have had a particularly good service. Please contact our freephone number on **0500291229** to leave your comment or complaint.

The Speech and Language Therapist who covers your child's school is:

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# Speech and Language Therapy

## Mainstream Schools Service

Information Leaflet for Parents and Schools



## What do we do?

We are an advisory service, working in close collaboration with the Language Support Service Teachers. We provide support and advice to schools and families, about children who have significant speech, language and communication difficulties.

### We offer a range of services including:

- Assessment and advice on the management of speech, language, communication difficulties
- Support and demonstration of activities for school staff to carry out with children in class, in small groups and in one to one sessions
- Liaison with other professionals working with the child.
- Contribution to multidisciplinary meetings
- Training as required to parents/ carers, education staff, and other professionals

## Who do we see?

Referrals for children attending mainstream schools can be made by a parent/carer or any professional with parental consent. Referrals are then discussed at the Speech, Language and Communication Service planning meeting at the child's school. This involves the Special Needs Coordinator, SLT and Specialist Language Teacher.

We see children whose speech and language difficulties are having a significant effect on their learning and friendships. For instance they may have difficulty:

- Following classroom instructions
- Putting their ideas into spoken, coherent sentences
- Speaking clearly
- Making friends

Children who have difficulty saying specific speech sounds or who stammer may be seen at their local clinic.

## How do we work with others?

• **Parents:** We ask schools to tell parents when we will be visiting their child. If they would like to see us during the visit, this can also be arranged by the school. We send copies of all reports and written advice to parents, and encourage them to contact us by phone if they would like further information.

• **Other professionals:** We work closely with the Specialist Language Teacher, and teaching and support staff within the school to ensure that the child's speech and language programme is an integral part of their school day. Where possible we arrange joint visits with the Specialist Language teachers, and attend multi-professional meetings as required. We also liaise with any other professionals working with the child, such as Educational Psychologists and school nurses.