




Your School Buys in Additional Time for Speech and Language Therapy

The school your child attends buys in additional Speech and Language Therapy from Central London Community Healthcare to work with children in school who have Speech Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) but do not have an EHCP. We work in a number of ways in the school. We meet with the Special Educational Needs Coordinator every term to discuss how we might help support the speaking and listening skills of students. Support levels differ each term.

Speech and Language Therapy can help with the following areas of development:

- Attention and listening skills
- Understanding of words, instructions and questions
- Using new words, making longer sentences and using grammar correctly
- Social skills such as conversation skills, making friends, understanding social situations and problem solving
- Production of speech sounds
- Understanding and talking about feelings

	<p><u>Universal support:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with staff to make sure classrooms are communication friendly • Provide training on how to support children with Speech, Language or Communication Needs • Support teachers to differentiate language within the curriculum e.g. simplifying questions, teaching vocabulary • Work with school staff to use screening tools to identify children who might need extra support • Run parent trainings/coffee mornings to help share information and strategies to support SLCN at home
	<p><u>Targeted support:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with school staff to set up group interventions in school for children who may have some speech, language or communication needs • Run teacher surgeries for staff who have questions about how to support children's communication in their class • If your child receives targeted support we record this on their NHS record <p>Your child's school will send you a letter to let you know if your child is receiving any support at a targeted level and you will have the chance to opt out if you do not want your child to receive this support.</p>
	<p><u>Specialist support:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete assessments of children's communication skills • Set up personalised Speech and Language Therapy programmes • Meet with teachers to discuss how they support specific children in class • Write reports and targets to document the progress children are making • If your child receives specialist support we record this on their NHS record <p>The school will send home consent forms for you to complete and send back before we will see your child for specialist support.</p>

If you have any questions about Speech and Language Therapy at your child's school please talk to the Special Educational Needs Coordinator.