

Groups

Sometimes the therapist may work with your child in a group in school or support teaching staff with group work.

Information Sharing

In order to help your child in school the therapist may share reports and information with others working with your child e.g. specialist teachers, educational psychologists. We will only do this with your consent.

For more information please contact us at your local speech and language therapy base (overleaf)

SLT bases

Wyre Forest:

Speech and Language Centre
Franche Clinic
Marlpool Place
Kidderminster
Worcs DY11 5BB
01562 752749

Bromsgrove and Redditch

Catshill Clinic
17 The Dock
Bromsgrove
Worcs
01527 488326

Worcester

Isaac Maddox House
Shrub Hill Road
Worcester WR4 9RW
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Speech & Language Therapy Service for Mainstream Schools

Information for Parents



Children, Young People and
Families Service

Worcestershire Health and Care **NHS**
NHS Trust

Working together

Speech and Language Therapists work with children who find it difficult to communicate.

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The speech and language therapy service offers a school based service for all school aged children.

The best way of helping your child's communication skills is by parents, carers, teaching staff and therapists working together. This involves sharing information and practical ideas on how to help. Communication difficulties are often more appropriately managed in the classroom and at home, where skills can be developed in a meaningful environment.

By working together it is possible to find the best strategies to help your child communicate in school and at home.

Consent

Your consent is needed when your child is referred to the speech and language therapy service.

Referrals will not be accepted without parental consent.

What will happen?

First appointment

You will be offered an appointment to meet the therapist in school to discuss your child's communication. If you cannot attend your child can still be seen and the therapist will contact you after the appointment.

Keeping you informed

The therapist will let you know when a visit to school has been arranged. You will be welcome to come into school to meet the therapist if you would like to. Following the visit the therapist will either contact you by phone or in writing.

School Visits

Each school has a Named Therapist who sees the children in that school. Sometimes a specialist therapist may be involved. The therapist will contact school to arrange a visit. The visit may include:

- Observation of your child in the classroom to see how they communicate in a larger group.
- Individual assessment of your child's speech and language skills.
- Discussion with teaching staff about your child and the kind of help that they need.

- Help to set targets for school and home.
- Ideas on strategies and activities to help your child's communication.

The therapist may also:

- Provide training to help staff working with your child.
- Monitor your child's progress through discussion with yourself, school staff and using the Review on Request procedure.

Review Appointments

The speech and language therapy service operates a '**Review on Request**' policy. Children will be seen again in school only when specifically requested to do so either by school staff, parents or another professional. The therapist will discuss your child's progress with school staff to see if further input is required.

Training

The speech and language therapy service offers a series of workshops for schools targeting a range of communication difficulties.