

Working Together

We aim to work together with parents and are keen to maintain regular contact between home and school. The Speech and Language Therapist provides feedback to parents through the home-school contact books and at the school's parent-consultation days. Parents are encouraged to contact the Speech and Language Therapist whenever they want to discuss anything and are always welcome to come into The Village for a chat.

Further Information

The following websites are a good starting point for finding out more about communication difficulties:

www.talkingpoint.org.uk

www.ican.org.uk

www.afasicengland.org.uk

www.pecs.com

www.makaton.org



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Speech and Language Therapy at The Village Education Centre

Communication

The ability to communicate is central to nearly everything we do in life. It is a means for making friends, building relationships, finding out about the world, asking questions and talking about our likes and dislikes.



Speech, Language or Communication Needs (SLCN)



1 in 10 children experience difficulties with speech, language or communication at some point in their lives. Children with SLCN can have difficulties with:

- Producing speech sounds clearly
- Understanding the words they hear
- Saying words or sentences
- Knowing how to talk and listen to others in a conversation
- Pragmatics and social skills

Difficulties can occur in isolation or a child can have problems in more than one area. Sometimes the difficulties are part of a wider learning disability or difficulty.

How can Speech and Language Therapy help?

A speech and language therapist is trained to assess, diagnose and treat speech, language or communication problems. Students at The Village are offered regular speech and language therapy sessions each week run by a UK qualified and registered Speech and Language Therapist.

Each student's speech and language programme is individually tailored to take account of their strengths, needs and goals. Targets are set each term and are incorporated into the student's Individual Education Plan.

Students attend both individual and group therapy sessions. The speech and language therapist works closely with classroom staff and parents so that we are all working together.

We also run:

- Regular opportunities for parents to meet with the Speech and Language Therapist
- Training for staff and parents
- Saturday sessions

We encourage all forms of communication in order for every child to be able to communicate to the best of their ability. This can include the use of:

- Makaton signing



- PECS



- Intensive Interaction



- Objects of Reference



- Symbols



- Visual timetables

