

## Early years speech and language therapy

**Speech, language and communication are crucial to every child's ability to access and get the most out of education and everyday life.**

10% of children will have a long-term speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) – that's 3 children in every classroom.

Children with SLCN are among the most vulnerable:

- 2/3 of children who are at risk of exclusion from school have SLCN
- 60% of those people accessing the youth justice service have SLCN
- 81% of children with emotional/ behavior disorders have unidentified SLCN
- Children with good spoken language skills by age 5 predicts later academic success.

They are most in need of effective support to reach their potential.

### Ealing speech and language therapy in early years foundation stage

You can access training run by a speech and language therapist. [Free online trainings for parents and/or practitioners](#) aimed at supporting children under 5, which can be accessed via facebook and/or Ealing CPD.

Dates are sent via email directly to children's centres, nurseries, childminders and health visiting teams.

### Groups to support children aged 0-5

There is no referral needed to access these:

- [Makaton Sign time](#) - a group for parents and children aged 0-5 run by the SLT Team in children's centres and online. Parents and children can come and learn around 140 Makaton Signs!
- [Talk and Play](#) - a play based group run by children's centre staff, supported by the SLT team, for parents and children aged 18 months-3 years who would benefit from support with their language development.
- [Fun and Learn](#) - a play based group run by children's centre staff, supported by the SLT team, for parents and children aged 0-5 with social communication needs - especially attention and social interaction difficulties.

### Speech and language communication needs (SLCN)

You can access further information and resources are available to support children's SLCN needs:

From Ealing speech and language therapy service

For advice about a child's (0-18 years) communication or general questions about speech and language:

- Follow [Ealing speech and language therapy Facebook page](#)
- Call our advice line
  - to speak with a Speech and Language Therapist
  - Open Monday – Friday 1-4pm
  - on 07512 716 478
  - this is for parents and professionals
- Email: [ealing.sltadvice@nhs.net](mailto:ealing.sltadvice@nhs.net)
  - Monitored by a Speech and Language Therapist, Monday-Friday
  - this is for parents and professionals
- Access our [Youtube channel](#) for workshops, school assembly videos and awareness content. Upcoming content will include more of the above plus bite-size clips on Speech and Language Therapy strategies. Visit our website: <http://www.westlondon.nhs.uk/slt/>

### Promoting a communication friendly environment in the classroom

A collaborative evaluation of the communication environment in the classroom to enhance the participation of children with speech, language and communication needs. The checklist should be used jointly by a speech and language therapist, class teacher and SENCo/senior staff member. Use to identify areas or specific strategies to be developed in the classroom to support children's needs as specified in their statement of special educational needs:

- [For EYFS classroom environment communication checklist \(doc\)](#)
- [For KS1 classroom environment communication checklist \(doc\)](#)
- [For KS2 classroom environment communication checklist \(doc\)](#)

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