

Useful Information

Please let us know if:

- you are unable to attend a session
- you move house or change telephone number
- you need an interpreter - we will arrange this

You are welcome to bring reports from other professionals working with your child.

If you do not attend your appointment, your child will be discharged from the speech and language therapy service. You will then be sent a list of future Play and Talk Sessions

Please note your child should have an Ealing GP to come to this session

Contact details

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like some advice.

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General Information

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The first stage

Your child may be referred by a doctor, health visitor, dietician, school/nursery or you.

All children up to the age of 5 are offered an appointment at a Play and Talk session.

You should receive a letter to say that the referral has been received and inviting you to your local Play and Talk. This session will be held at one of the following:

Acton	Acton Park Children's Centre
Ealing	EASE (Empowering Action and Social Esteem), Copley Close
	Jubilee Children's Centre
Northolt	Northolt Sure Start Drop-in Centre
	Windmill Nursery
Southall	Southall Park Children's Centre
	Windmill Park Children's Centre

Play and Talk

- You and your child are welcome to join the session at any time – just come in and play!
- There will be 2 speech and language therapists at the session.
- There will be other families who may have also been invited.
- The therapists will see each family in the order they arrive.
- A therapist will ask you some questions about your child and any concerns, as well as observe and/or play with your child.

Next Steps

Children assessed at Play and Talk will be offered one of the following:

- Universal groups** – your child may not need specific speech and language therapy, but may access one of the universal groups that run in your local area. These groups will help to support your child's language development. *Information can be found in your local health centre, children's centre and library.*

- Further assessment at home or in a health centre** – if your child needs further assessment, this will be offered in the most appropriate environment.
- Parent Child Interaction Group** – this group gives ideas and strategies to parents/carers to support children's early language development and encourages good interaction skills through the use of video.
- Attention and Listening Group** – this group helps to develop children's attention, listening, turn taking and early communication skills.
- Language Group** - this group helps to develop children's understanding of language and expressive language skills.
- Speech/stammering/voice therapy** – if your child needs help with their speech, stammering or voice, you will be offered individual therapy sessions in your local health centre.
- Social Communication therapy** – if your child needs help with social communication/interaction, you will be offered individual therapy sessions in your home, preschool setting or local health centre.

After a block of therapy, your therapist will discuss the next step.

