

The Speech and Language Therapy Team

The Speech and Language Therapy Service usually visits the Special School regularly. The team consists of Speech and Language Therapists (SLTs) and in West Sussex also include Speech and Language Therapy Assistants (SALTAs)

What we do

We work with teachers, parents and other agencies providing training, in-class support, helping to set up groups and assessing the children's functional communication needs. The provision of universal, targeted and/or specialist support is dependant on the needs of the child and the school.

Who we see

We provide a service for children with speech, language and communication needs at three different levels - Specialist, Targeted and Universal. Your child will access support at one or more of these levels according to their needs and may move between these levels on a regular basis i.e. children who receive specialist input may also be included in a targeted group.

How to refer

Your child can be referred to the Speech and Language Therapy team for assessment via the school. If you have concerns please contact your child's class teacher.

Universal

Available to support all pupils in the school with accessing the curriculum and functioning in daily life to the best of their ability. It involves providing training for staff and support for parents to develop and use strategies to benefit your child. This includes approaches such as:

- Using appropriate levels of language
- Using visual labelling
- Using timetables and now/next boards
- Makaton Signing
- Using symbols to support spoken language and teaching

Targeted

Available to meet a specific speech, language or communication need identified by the school staff, parents and/or the SLT. They may take the form of:

- Targets being set and/or an annual review report written by the SLT.
- Speech, language or communication targets set by the school in collaboration with the SLT.
- Groups or programmes run by the school which may be set up or overseen by the SLT.
- Training in specific targeted approaches to school staff and/or parents
- Sign posting staff to training run by other agencies.

NB: Targets set by the SLT will be shared with parents and where possible

Specialist

Available for children with complex or rapidly changing speech, language or communication needs that require ongoing assessment or adaptations to meet their needs. These children will have:

- Targets and/or a report from the SLT which will be set and agreed with parents and school.
- Direct or indirect input from the SLT

The Speech and Language Therapy team can also support children with safety issues around eating and drinking

Contact details:

Chichester Area:

Bicentennial Building, 2nd Floor
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West Sussex, PO19 8EZ
Tel: 01273 696011 ext 5108

Mid Sussex / Crawley Area:

Three Bridges Primary School
(Upper Site), Gales Drive
Three Bridges, Crawley, RH10 1PD
Tel: 01293 541196

Worthing Area:

Unit 3, The Quadrant,
c/o Brighton General Hospital
Elm Grove, Brighton
East Sussex, BN2 3EW
Tel: 01273 265953 (option 2)



Brighton and Hove Area:

Children and Families Clinic
Brighton General Hospital
Elm Grove, Brighton,
East Sussex, BN2 3EW
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Speech and Language Therapy in Special Schools

Information for Parents and Carers

Get the best from your NHS

Our patient advice and liaison service (PALS) can help patients, families and carers with questions, comments or concerns about NHS services. If you need advice about our services, facilities or staff, or would like to make a comment, please contact PALS at:

Service Experience Team
Sussex Community NHS Trust
FREEPOST (BR117)
Elm Grove, Brighton, BN2 3EW
Telephone: 01273 242292
Email: sc-tr.serviceexperience@nhs.net
Website: www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/pals

Other formats

Please ask any member of the team caring for you if you need this information in large print, Braille, easy read, audio tape, email. Or if you need help with understanding this information or require this in a language that is not English.

