

SEND UPDATE

Focus on Speech and Language Therapy (SALT)

Dear Parents

As a result of our SEND coffee afternoon I have been asked to put together some links for further advice. This will come out to all parents of a child with a speech need and be available on the SEN part of our website. The advice is from the Therapies Services in Bucks. Please look out for future updates on other aspects of SEN.

Speech and Language

This is broken into 2 areas:

Speech – the way we form words and sentences

Language - our understanding of what is said to us/how we say things to others



Speech is hugely important to all of us because it is how we communicate on a daily basis. Some children have a speech difficulty when they are young that they grow out of. However, some children need carefully planned support to help them with this and others will continue to need support throughout their school life.

We use Speechlink to support speech production, which is a nationwide intervention. We have trained our TAs to implement this. They carry out assessments for children who are experiencing difficulties with their pronunciation and then put in place strategies and programmes to help them. This is overseen by the class teacher and SENDCo.



Language

We use Language Link and Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) to support children in KS1. We screen all children to ensure that there are no hidden difficulties.

NELI is for Reception children who are struggling to understand language. Again, we have TAs trained to assist those children in following the programme.

Language Link is very similar but lasts from Reception until Year 2. It helps children who have particular difficulties e.g. understanding instructions, prepositions etc with language.

Should the school assess that your child will be helped by one of these interventions we will discuss this with you. We will also let you know what we are working on in school, to support effective progress, so that you can follow the same targets at home and progress can be made more effectively.

External Support

We have access to the **Speech Therapy Service**. Their expertise will provide a specific set of targets, which are co-produced between the school therapist and the parents.

If you are worried about your child's language or speech please visit their website as they offer training and supporting materials. Also let us know if you are working on specific targets as this helps us to put forward a case for further support. Much of the service is online with specific learning and tasks to help meet the targets set.



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