

BASE Academy
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Speaking and Listening

Support for parents

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Speech and Language Therapy

Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy

Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) support children and young people aged 2 ½ – 18 years or 19 years if in full time Special Education with speech, language and communication needs; Children aged 0 – 19 years with complex needs; Children and young people registered with a GP within the Bolton area. Requests for a service are accepted from anyone with the consent of the child's parents.

In addition to a relevant holistic assessment for the young person, specifically for SALT, information about strengths and needs in the following areas should be provided in the **Speech, Language and Communication** section:

- Attention and Listening
- Play and social skills
- Understanding
- Speech sounds and talking
- Other languages spoken in the home regardless of need for interpreters.
- Feeding/swallowing issues
- Information about what steps have been made to address these concerns/issues to date

Other recent specialist assessments should also be attached to the Early Help Assessment such as:

1. Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ-3);
2. Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social and Emotional (ASQ:SE);
3. WellComm Score Sheet;
4. Educational Psychology Report; and/or
5. Audiology Reports.

Why is it speaking and listening important?

- Your child's ability to speak will be a good foundation for future learning
- If they are good speakers and listeners they will do better at reading and writing
- If they can communicate with others well it will help them make friends easily
- It will help them become more independent
- It will help improve their behaviour as they will not get as frustrated

How can you help your child?

Be a good listener

- Model yourself as being a good listener by listening to them and others
- Be patient- don't interrupt them and let them finish saying their sentence
- Attention- give your child attention e.g. don't check your mobile phone at the same time as talking to them
- Show them you're listening- ask them questions and ask their opinions

- Reading- listen to them read regularly

Be a good speaker

- speak in full sentences
- if English isn't your first language speak your own language confidently and well
- be clear- use clear simple directions for tasks
- praise them- for doing the right thing

Get involved

- Talk to them about their day
- Family meals- try to have one together as often as possible
- Interests- be involved in their interests and hobbies
- Homework- get involved in helping them complete it
- TV, Laptops and phones- turn them off well before bedtime and read a bedtime story together

Possible activities

- Play family games- I spy, charades, Chinese Whispers, Articulate
- Nursery rhymes- sing lots with younger children
- Reading- familiar stories together
- Discuss issues in the news
- Charades- select a word from the word pot for other children to guess
- Act it out- brief play where you would use the word

Websites and apps

- Lingumi (For children aged 2-5): Sets of learning games, speech recognition games and video-based games to help with a child's grammar and getting them speaking their first words early on.
- Kaligo (For children aged 3-5): The first digital handwriting exercise book using a stylus and tablet, built using AI and co-created with teachers, occupational therapists and neuroscientists.
- Phonics Hero (For school-aged children): Over 850 fun, varied and motivating games take a child step-by-step through the 44 sounds, the reading and spelling of words, and how to conquer sentences.
- Teach Your Monster to Read (For school-aged children): Covers the first two years of learning to read, from matching letters and sounds to enjoying little books, designed in collaboration with leading academics.
- Navigo Game (For school-aged children): Focuses on developing skills that underpin reading, including phonics, letters and sounds, designed by UCL Institute of Education and Fish in a Bottle.
- Fonetti (For school-aged children): The world's first 'Listening Bookshop' interacting with children by giving visual cues in real-time as they read aloud and highlighting where the most support is needed.

