

Speech and Language Therapy at Beormund Primary School

Speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) is the term given to describe the wide range of needs related to all aspects of communication – from understanding others, to forming sounds, words and sentences to expressing ideas and emotions and using language socially.

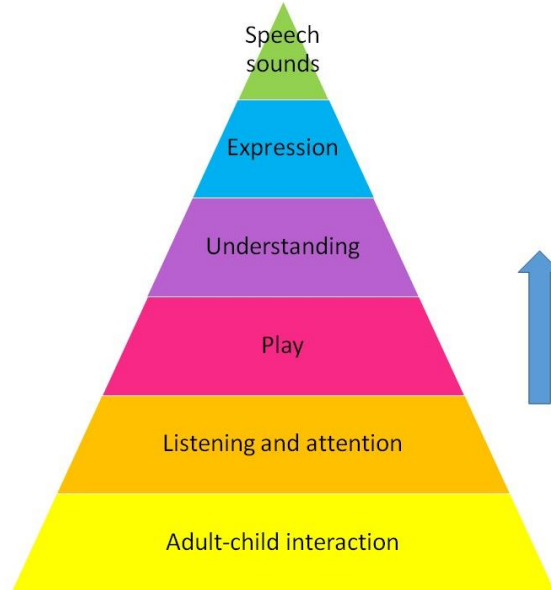
It is estimated that 10% of all children have long term or persistent speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) - the most prevalent special educational need identified by primary schools.

Children with speech, language and communication needs can present with difficulties such as:

- Attention and listening
- Social communication
- Receptive language (understanding)
- Expressive language
- Articulation and phonology (speech sounds)
- Fluency (stammering)
- Voice production
- Selective mutism

Language Pyramid

The Language Pyramid demonstrates the areas Speech and Language Therapists work on with children. It is important for children to have well-developed attention and listening skills and social interaction and play skills to develop language and speech. Having solid skills at the bottom of the language pyramid helps children to develop the skills at the top



Therapy

Therapy is delivered in the following ways;

- One to one intervention
- Group intervention
- Direct intervention (seen directly by the speech and language therapist)
- Indirect (delivered by the class teams, but overseen by the speech and language Therapist)

Types of intervention

- Emotion regulation- targets identifying and expressing emotions.
- Lego therapy- targets expressive and receptive language as well as social communication skills
- Friendship groups- targets initiating and maintaining friendships as well as conflict resolution.
- Expressive language intervention- Narratives, sentence structure, speech sounds
- Receptive language- understanding complex instructions, concepts and vocabulary
- Social skills groups.

Resources for parents

You are welcome to request for resources to carry out therapy at home, to come in to observe a session during the day and to ask for updates on how your child is doing!

Some useful websites:

<https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources/resources-for-parents/>

<https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/childrens-slt-resources>

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/speech-therapy.html>

Contact Details

Please get in touch with me throughout the year if you have any questions around your child's speech, language and communication.

Email: katrina@unlockinglanguage.co.uk

I am happy to arrange meetings in school to discuss your child's speech and language targets and progress.

If you need to get in touch with me urgently you can call our office number and leave a message: 02075369299