Speech and Language Message of the Week

NHS Ealing Community Partners

DID YOU KNOW?

Ealing is the 8th most ethnically diverse local population in England and Wales.

(England and Wales 2021 Census)

60% of children attending Ealing borough schools do not speak English as their first language.

(Population characteristics - Ealing JSNA, 2021)

Children learning English as an additional language (EAL) can take up to 7 years to be academically proficient in English. They may be fluent in conversation much sooner than this.

Being multilingual can benefit children's overall academic and intellectual progress.

Use circle time or the register as a chance for children to demonstrate how to say 'hello' in their home language

Ask each child to make an 'All about Me' poster (template provided)

Ask children to teach their class (including the adults!) a conversational phrase from their home language - e.g. 'How are you?' 'I'm OK thanks.'

Make a wall display of all the languages spoken by your class

Advise parents to **speak the language(s) they feel most comfortable using with their child.**
It is the quality of parent – child communication that matters most.

Please put up the 'Keep Your Language Alive' poster where parents/carers can see it in school.

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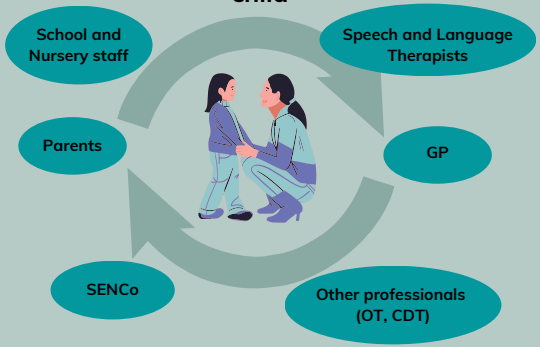
What is Speech and Language Therapy and how can we help you?

We work as part of a team to support your child



We help with..

* Understanding language
* Stammering
* Pronunciation
* Talking
* Voice disorders
* Social communication difficulties and/or Autism
* Selective mutism or speaking anxiety
* Communicating (non-verbal and verbal)
* Ongoing eating, drinking or swallowing difficulties

You are already supporting your child's communication all day every day by talking and playing with them.

We support children in schools, clinics, children centres, homes where necessary and online!