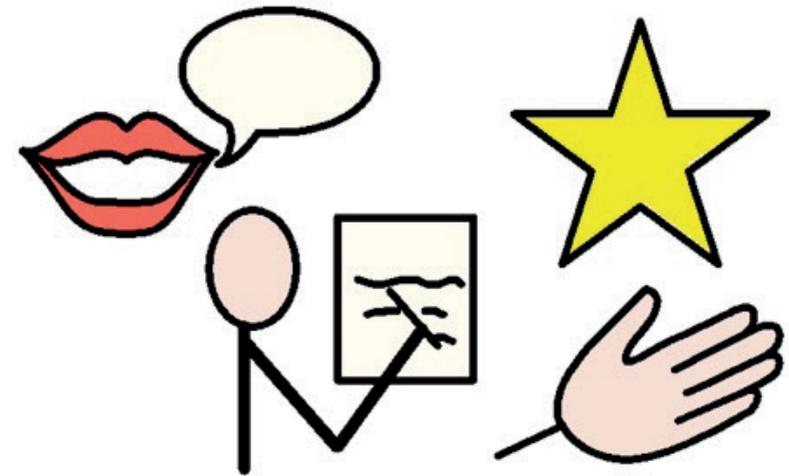




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Birmingham Special Schools and Hearing Resource Bases



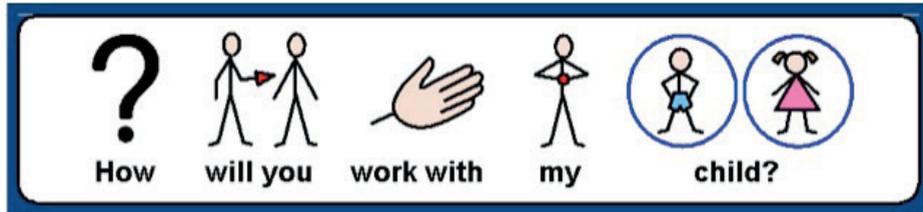
Information for Parents

The NHS Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) service in special schools and hearing resource bases in Birmingham works with schools to manage the communication and eating and drinking needs of the pupils. Evidence shows that working together produces the best outcomes for the children.

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There are different ways we could work with your child. This may be specified in their statement of Special Educational Need or Education, Health and Care Plan.

Special school and Hearing Resource Base provision includes highly specialist staff who have a range of skills in working with children and young people with speech, language and communication needs. It is therefore not necessary for every child at a special school to receive direct or individual NHS Speech and Language Therapy support. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are able to support many of the children's communication needs.

If you or your child's teacher feel that there are specific concerns, please contact us to discuss these. We may feel it is helpful to carry out an assessment.



Assessment

We will discuss your child's needs with school staff and yourself, and may also observe them in their class or carry out some brief activities. This will help us to find out more about their communication or eating and drinking needs.



Following assessment we will offer individual intervention if your child meets the criteria to access one of our packages of care.



Individual intervention

Our packages of care are designed to support children with their specific communication or eating and drinking needs. The needs of children will vary over time so our level of involvement may also vary. We will always discuss changes with you and respond to any concerns you may have.



Packages of care include...

Problem-solving

A short period of intervention, to problem solve specific areas together with staff, written up into a SALT Plan.

Programme

A more specific **Speech and Language Therapy programme** with targets which can be integrated into their educational objectives and daily activities.

Face to face / Direct work

A set number of sessions working with the NHS Speech and Language Therapist in order to develop specific skills.



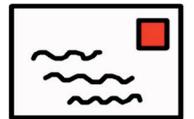
Other Information

Some Special Schools and Hearing Resource Bases employ their own Speech and Language Therapists directly. This leaflet does not refer to their work. The NHS SALT service will always try to work with independent Speech and Language Therapists in the best interests of your child.

How will I know what kind of Speech and Language Therapy my child is receiving?

We will:

- Contact you by telephone or letter if a concern is raised in school and when your child is being seen for assessment or individual intervention.
- Share a copy of any SALT plan with you, containing the targets and strategies that we have all agreed.
- Inform you when the assessment or package of care is finished.



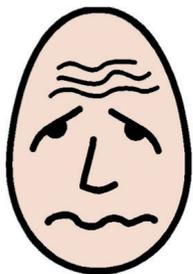
If you have any questions you are welcome to contact us on 0121 466 3370 or on BCHNT.SALTspecialsch@nhs.net

What should I do if I have concerns about my child's communication or about the safety of their eating and drinking.

Speak to your child's school or contact the NHS Speech and Language Therapists on the contact details overleaf.

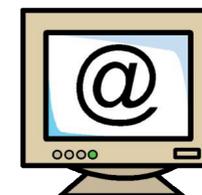
Children will not automatically be seen by NHS Speech and Language Therapy when they start in school. Either you or your child's teacher will need to request Speech and Language Therapy advice if there is a specific concern.

Following this request, we will discuss your child's needs with you and decide whether individual Speech and Language Therapy assessment is required at this time.



Contact us

- Please contact us if you have any specific concerns about your child's communication or eating and drinking.
- If you have a more general query or concern about speech and language therapy provision, you may wish to contact Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Customer Services team on: 0800 917 2855.



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