

# School Age Children referred to Speech and Language Therapy

Speech and Language Therapy  
Acute and Community AHPs

## Introduction

This leaflet is produced for parents of children who have been referred to the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Speech and Language Therapy service. It will explain what will happen when you and your child come for their first appointment. We hope you find this information useful. If you require further information prior to your child's appointment, or you are unable to attend, please telephone us on 01902 444363.

## Why has my child been referred to Speech and Language Therapy?

Speech and Language Therapists work with children and young people who are experiencing speech, language and communication difficulties. We also work with children with eating and drinking difficulties.

- Late talking
- Unclear speech
- Difficulties understanding what is said
- Stammering
- Voice problems
- Eating and drinking difficulties
- Social communication and interaction difficulties

School age children are usually seen in their school. Your Speech and Language Therapist will send you a letter or a note via school to let you know when they are coming in to see your child. Some children are seen in clinic or health centre and your Speech and Language Therapist will let you know if this is the case.

## What will happen on my first visit?

You will be invited in to attend the first session with your child. This is so we can find out about your concerns and about your child's communication development. We may telephone you first to get some background information.

The appointment will be relaxed and informal. The therapist may use picture assessments, or toys for younger children, to find out about your child's speech and language development.

**The prevention of infection is a major priority in all healthcare and everyone has a part to play.**

- **Please decontaminate your hands frequently for 20 seconds using soap and water or alcohol gel if available**
- **If you have symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, cough or other respiratory symptoms, a temperature or any loss of taste or smell please do not visit the hospital or any other care facility and seek advice from 111**
- **Keep the environment clean and tidy**
- **Let's work together to keep infections out of our hospitals and care homes.**

## What happens next?

If the therapist finds that your child's speech and language skills are developing normally, they will discharge your child.

If more help is needed, this may include:

- Advice and activities for home and school practise
- A course of appointments at school or home
- A follow up visit to check progress
- Referral to other health professionals

## How can I help my child?

The Speech and Language Therapist will suggest ways in which you can help your child so please talk things over with them and ask questions.

Working together with you and your child's school, we can all maximise your child's progress.

## How do I get in touch?

### **Speech and Language Therapy Service**

The Gem Centre  
Neachells Lane  
Wednesfield  
Wolverhampton  
WV11 3PG

**Telephone:** 01902 444363

8.30 – 17.00 Monday to Thursday 8.30 – 16.30 Fridays

**Email:** [rwh-tr.Speech-And-Language@nhs.net](mailto:rwh-tr.Speech-And-Language@nhs.net)

**Website:** <https://www.royalwolverhampton.nhs.uk/services/service-directory-a-z/speech-and-language-therapy/>

### **Head of Children's Speech and Language Therapy Services**

Phoebe Kent

## English

If you need information in another way like easy read or a different language please let us know.

If you need an interpreter or assistance please let us know.

## Lithuanian

Jeigu norėtumėte, kad informacija jums būtų pateikta kitu būdu, pavyzdžiui, supaprastinta forma ar kita kalba, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

Jeigu jums reikia vertėjo ar kitos pagalbos, prašome mums apie tai pranešti.

## Polish

Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo otrzymać te informacje w innej postaci, na przykład w wersji łatwej do czytania lub w innym języku, prosimy powiedzieć nam o tym.

Prosimy poinformować nas również, jeżeli potrzebowaliby Państwo usługi tłumaczenia ustnego lub innej pomocy.

## Punjabi

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ, ਜਿਵੇਂ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ ਵਿਚ ਆਸਾਨ ਰੂਪ ਜਾਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੂਜੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿਚ, ਚਾਹੀਦੀ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਦੱਸੋ।

ਜੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਦੁਭਾਸ਼ੀਏ ਦੀ ਜਾਂ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਨੂੰ ਦੱਸੋ।

## Romanian

Dacă aveți nevoie de informații în alt format, ca de exemplu caractere ușor de citit sau altă limbă, vă rugăm să ne informați.

Dacă aveți nevoie de un interpret sau de asistență, vă rugăm să ne informați.

## Traditional Chinese

如果您需要以其他方式了解信息，如易读或其他语种，请告诉我们。

如果您需要口译人员或帮助，请告诉我们。