

### Further information

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## Support for children with speech, language and communication needs in Islington primary schools

### A parent's guide



### Introduction

All mainstream primary schools in Islington have a speech and language therapist who visits the school on a regular basis.

Our service provides specialist support for children with spoken language and communication difficulties. Speech and language therapists work with children and teaching staff from reception up to year six.

Our therapists work with children with a range of language and communication needs, such as:

- difficulties expressing themselves
- understanding others
- interacting socially
- articulating sounds clearly

The service only works with children if their parents or carers have given prior permission.

### The importance of communication skills for school-aged children

Spoken language skills are the main way that children build relationships. Children make sense of their world by talking about their experiences. Understanding and using spoken or signed language is the foundation for reading and writing development.

### Support available

The best way that children develop language skills is in real situations. The school day provides lots of opportunities for using spoken language.

Our aim is to assist parents, teachers and support staff to develop ways of helping children, for example learning to communicate more effectively in everyday situations.

The range of support offered may include:

- advice for teachers and teaching assistants
- advice for parents and opportunities for them to observe sessions run by the speech and language therapist
- assessment of spoken language and communication skills
- reports summarising communication strengths and needs
- contribution to individual education plans (IEPs)
- demonstrating useful activities and strategies to school staff
- working with individual children or small groups

Parents are welcome to contact their speech and language therapist if they would like further information about their child's progress or the support being offered. They can also arrange to meet them in school.