

### Further information

If you have any questions, please call the speech and language therapist who is arranging your child's assessment. You will find their contact details on the letter inviting you to assessment.

Alternatively, you can contact the speech and language therapy administrator on Tel: 020 7527 5674.

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## Speech and language assessment in schools

## Information for parents





### Assessment process

Our assessment will partly depend on your child's needs. It will include some or all of the following activities:

- A discussion with school staff currently working with your child. This will include areas such as academic progress, your child's strengths and needs in the classroom and playground, as well as what support is currently in place.
- Classroom and playground observation. We will be monitoring your child's understanding and talking, attention and listening, and social interaction.

- We will also discuss with you any concerns you may have, as well as your child's communication strengths and needs at home. We will also ask questions about your child's developmental and medical history and whether other professionals are involved.
- If you speak more than one language at home, we ask questions about your child's skills in all their languages.
- We may also complete a formal assessment. This will include looking at how well your child can follow instructions, understand and use vocabulary, understand and use grammar, tell stories, and answer questions about information they have heard. Formal assessment allows us to look at your child's language skills and how they compare for their age.
- We will liaise with other professionals who know your child (for example, this may be an educational psychologist, paediatrician or occupational therapist).

### Next steps

After we have gathered the information we need, we will write a report which we will send to you. This will include a summary of our assessment and recommendations.

We will give you the opportunity to read through the report and contact us if you have any questions, before the report is sent to the other professionals involved.

This information will be kept as part of your child's electronic health record.