

**Children and Young People's Services**

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Dear Parent / Carer,

**SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY**

You may be aware that there is a speech and language therapist who works in your child's school on a regular basis. All schools in the borough of Royal Greenwich work to promote children's communication skills throughout the school day. We help schools to support the communication of *all* children in a variety of ways which may include:

- **Training for the school staff team**
- **Training for parents**
- **Adapting the environment and teaching style to promote communication**
- **Demonstrating activities**
- **Raising awareness of communication difficulties**
- **Setting up small group work opportunities, led by a teacher / teaching assistant**
- **Helping staff to identify needs and ways that they can help**
- **Identifying appropriate groups and services in the community that might support children's needs**
- **Modelling communication strategies and activities that can be applied throughout the day at home or in the classroom**

If you would like to know more about our service please speak to your child's class teacher or school SENCO. If you would prefer your child *not* to participate in Speech and Language Therapy activities please let the school know.

If your school does not hear from you they will assume that you are happy for your child to participate in general Speech and Language Therapy activities as appropriate.

If at any point the school or speech and language therapist feels your child would benefit from a more specific and detailed communication assessment, the school will contact you to gain your consent prior to referring to the therapist for an assessment.

Yours sincerely

**Speech and Language Therapy Team**