

Speech and Language Provision at St Stephens

At St Stephens, we commission the services of a Speech and language therapist- Caroline Mptani who supports the school in identifying children with speech, language, communication needs using a range of specialist assessments. The therapist supports the teaching team to help children access the curriculum so that they are able to understand, learn and express themselves clearly.

Speech, language, communication and learning at school is all very closely linked. If children have difficulty in understanding or using language, this will affect their ability to learn.

We aim to support the children in different ways and by different people. Sometimes we can teach children new skills by working with them individually and then they are able to use these skills in the classroom. However, most children benefit from learning language skills in real life situations at school and home and the therapist helps school staff to do this.

Having access to this service helps the school to:

Raise attainment

Support inclusion

Improve health and wellbeing

School screens all children in Reception. We use a speech and Language Toolkit called WELLCOMM for Screening and Intervention: This plays a crucial role in identifying children with potential language difficulties and offers a range of customised intervention activities to help support their language development.