

## How long will my child need this service?

A child will be seen based on their level of need and potential to improve. We use various tools to assess and monitor your child's progress. Discharge will be carefully planned in advance and is seen as a positive outcome.

**However, we know that a child's needs may change over time and a re-referral to our service may be appropriate at various points throughout their school life.**

## How to contact us

Members of our team are employed by Central Cheshire Integrated Care Partnership (CCICP). The therapists will be happy to talk to you about your child's communication and answer any questions you may have. Please contact your therapist at:

Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Service  
Bevan House  
Barony Road  
Nantwich  
Cheshire  
CW5 5RD  
Direct Line: 01270 275458 / 275485

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## Speech and Language Therapy Provision in Mainstream Schools

### Information for parents and carers



Speech and Language Therapy Department

## Who are we?

Speech and Language Therapists are specialists in speech, language, communication and swallowing disorders.

## What do we do?

We develop a child's speech, language and communication through assessment, diagnosis and development of an individual programme of care for children and young people with:

- Problems understanding and using language
- Difficulties with speech sounds
- Communication problems associated with conditions, such as Hearing Impairment, Cleft Palate or Autism

We also:

- Set individualised targets that help communication skills at home and school and share these with school staff and with you
- Work directly with pupils individually where appropriate
- Coach school staff to carry out the speech and language therapy programmes
- May carry out class-based work to help staff see how to best help your child to develop
- Provide advice to school staff on ways they can make the whole school environment more communication-friendly for your child
- Write a report for your child's annual review of their education and health care plan and discuss this with you

## How will speech and language therapy benefit my child?

- It will make a positive impact on your child's confidence, ability to communicate with adults and peers and their personal achievements
- It will improve the school's and your knowledge about your child's skills and needs and how best to communicate with your child

## How will you be involved?

- We review all targets and send copies of your child's programme to you and share it with school
- Where appropriate, we may invite you to a speech and language therapy session in school so you can support your child at home
- We ask you to contact us with any questions about your child's care
- We value your support in working on your child's targets at home

## How can my child access this service?

- A referral to the service can be made by school, parents or other professionals
- A referral form can be accessed through the school or on our website: <http://mcht.nhs.uk/information-for-patients/departmentsandservices/commuity-services/paediatric-speech-and-language-therapy>