



Support/Advice for Pupils with Speech and Language Difficulties

The SLCN outreach service is commissioned by Southend Borough Council. The service is based at Fairways Primary School. To access support each school should complete the service referral form and send it via secure email to the service provider. It is an expectation that a post support evaluation form is completed following any support given. There is also the expectation that a follow up visit / dialogue will happen after any support is accessed.

Speech and Language Outreach objectives:

- Contribute to raising standards and progress of children with a speech and language disorder or significant language delay, with more than one standard deviation below norm for age, and to support their inclusion within mainstream schools , who have transitioned to and from the SLRB or are new to the Borough
- Develop effective partnership arrangements with the child's home school, parents/carers and other relevant professionals
- Conduct appropriate screening assessments with pupils and offer strategies to support class teachers and schools (via means of a report)
- Support schools to correctly identify children early with a speech and language disorder or significant language delay
- Provide advice to school staff in relation to literacy development and how this does and does not link with speech development to reassure schools when there is a concern that speech and language difficulties are impacting on literacy development
- Signpost schools, and provide advice, as to how to initiate a referral to the SALT service if it is determined that a pupil has difficulties beyond those routes listed above.

The process:

- Outreach referral form to be used, via password protected or secure email process
- Once a school referral has been made an acknowledgement will take place within a week and an initial meeting set up within two weeks
- Specialist teacher report will be sent to the school within one week
- Outreach evaluation form must be returned by schools within one week after accessing outreach support.
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