



# Ickworth Park Primary School – SEND News

## Welcome back!

I hope all our families had a restful and enjoyable holiday.

The focus of our September SEND newsletter is Speech and Language. We will look at how we support all children at Ickworth Park to be confident talkers, as well as what specialist support is available for children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) or Developmental Language Delays (DLDs).

If you have any questions about the newsletter, information to share or would like to meet in person, please do get in touch.

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Mrs. Reynolds

## Did you know?



The most common type of need among children with SEND in the UK is Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN).

It is estimated that 2–3 in every 30 children of primary school age have a Speech, Language and Communication Need.

## Support Online and in the Community

Speech and Language UK contains lots of information about supporting children's speech, language and communication development.

Words For Life provides families with activities and support to help improve language skills.

Afasic provides a confidential helpline for families of children with SLCN or DLD. They also deliver online courses for parents of children diagnosed with DLD.

## Suffolk Local Offer



For further information about Suffolk's Local Offer, please visit:

[www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk](http://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk)

You can sign up to Suffolk's SEND News and Updates newsletter by clicking [here](#).

**The Source** website has been created to provide information and advice for young people with SEND in Suffolk. Explore the website by clicking [here](#).

The Local Offer Helpline supports families with queries about SEND. Contact them on:

**0345 606 1490** (Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm)



# How we support SLCN and DLD in school

## Speech, Language and Communication Need (SLCN)

This is the term used for children who experience difficulties with talking, listening and/or understanding language.

## Developmental Language Delay (DLD)

The term used to describe children who have a significant and ongoing difficulty with speaking and understanding language, with no obvious cause.

Targeted speech and language groups are run by teaching assistants across all key stages in the school. At Ickworth Park, we use a toolkit called WellComm to help identify and support language and communication needs. If your child is taking part in these interventions, their class teacher will inform you of their targets and what you can do to support at home. You can find out more about WellComm [here](#).

If you or your child's class teacher have concerns regarding SLCN or DLD, we may make a referral to the NHS Speech and Language service. Once accepted onto the caseload, your child will receive a block of 1:1 support (at school) from qualified Speech and Language Therapist (SaLT). They also provide advice, resources and activities to be used by your child's teaching assistant to continue the programme of support at school.

## How can I help at home?



- Give clear, unambiguous messages using short, simple sentences.
- Break longer sentences into chunks, giving thinking (processing) time.
- Try to avoid frustration, repeat what has been said as many times as needed.
- Be aware that background noise, visuals and the environment as these can be distracting - try to reduce these when communicating with your child.
- Support your child to develop the ability to ask for help. Practise and model using strategies such as, "I need more time." or "Please say that again."
- Before speaking, cue your child into the conversation. Gain and keep their attention by saying their name and making eye contact (if appropriate).
- Revisit new vocabulary frequently and use these in conversations. Repetition is key!
- Remodel, don't correct! If your child makes a mistake when speaking, gently repeat the correction pronunciation.

[Click here](#) to read Ickworth Park's SEND Information Report

The date of our next SEND Coffee Morning is **Tuesday 12th November**.

We will be discussing **mental health** and **wellbeing**, and launching our new 'Ickworth Park Universal Offer'

