

Speech, Language and Communication

Resources and Links for Parents and Caregivers

To find out more about different types of speech, language and communication needs:

- **Speech and Language UK Resource Library:** <https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/resource-library-for-families/>
- **AFASIC:** <https://www.afasic.org.uk/>
- **Meaningful Speech** [information about Gestalt Language Processing and Echolalia]: <https://www.meaningfulspeech.com/>
- **Information about Gestalt Language Processing:** <https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/resource-library-for-families/when-children-use-memorised-phrases-and-information-on-gestalt-language-processing/>

For information about ages and stages of speech, language and communication development:

- **First Words Project:** <https://firstwordsproject.com/about-16by16/>
- **Child Progress Checker:** <https://progresschecker.speechandlanguage.org.uk/>
- **Ages and Stages:** <https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/ages-and-stages/>
- **Child Development and Milestones:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/science-and-facts>

Ideas for how to support your child's communication development at home:

- **Tiny Happy People [Birth - 5 years]** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>
- **Words for Life:** <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/>
- **Speech and Language UK Resource Library:** <https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/resource-library-for-families/>
- **Hungry Little Minds:** <https://www.nhs.uk/start-for-life/toddler/learning-to-talk/learning-conversations-and-telling-stories-3-to-5-years/>
- **CLCH Communication Hub:** <https://communicationhub.org/>

Parent and Caregiver workshops:

In Hammersmith and Fulham, there are a range of free workshops available to support parents and caregivers to learn more about speech, language and communication development:

INSPIRE JCT Workshops for Parents and Caregivers: <https://lbhfinspirehub.com/>

INSPIRE JCT also offer workshops in schools, look out for fliers advertising upcoming workshops.

CLCH Speech and Language Therapy Service Workshops for Parents and Caregivers:

<https://communicationhub.org/events/>

Hammersmith and Fulham Family Hubs offer a very wide range of in person activities, sessions and workshops. Find your local Family Hub here and look at their timetable online:

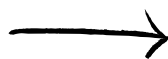
<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/family-hub/find-family-hub-or-childrens-centre>

*Nationally available: **Speech and Language UK - Talking with your Toddler webinars:***

<https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/talk-to-a-speech-and-language-advisor/talking-with-your-toddler-webinars/>

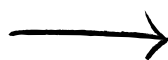
Who can I talk to if I'm worried about my child's speech, language and communication development or I want to find out more?

Is your child working with a
Speech and Language
Therapist already?



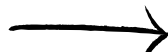
Talk to your child's Speech and Language Therapist about their progress and how you can support your child at home.

Babies - Pre-school Age



Talk to your child's GP, Health Visitor or childcare / education provider - all of these professionals can talk to you about speech, language and communication and make a referral to the Speech and Language Therapy service if needed. You could also visit your local Family Hub where there are often drop-in visits from Speech and Language Therapists [see above].

School Age



Talk to staff at your child's school, for example, your child's teacher or SENCO [Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator]

National services you can contact:

Speech and Language UK Advice Line: <https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/talk-to-a-speech-and-language-advisor/>

AFASIC helpline: <https://www.afasic.org.uk/the-afasic-helpline/>