

2021-2022 Communication and Language Review

Speech and Language Specialist Support
All children entering Early Years provision, are 'RAG
assessed' by specialist staff to ensure early identification
and intervention for personalized support.

Staff qualified to provide Narrative and Speech programmes for identified children. Interventions are reviewed, flexible and dependent upon cohort needs.

SALT provides ongoing support and reviews for children throughout school.

All children with 121 support have programmes in place with SALT guidance and TA training ongoing.

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Communication Focused Provision

Early Years - Communication Focused Provision

Reception underwent a CFS self-audit and responded with environmental adjustments. More opportunities for sustained, open-ended play introduced.

New EYFS focuses on Vocabulary and using newly acquired Language. Planning includes specific and directed communication tasks to scaffold the development of Communication skills.

Staff new to EY received training from

SALT.

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Whole School Communication Provision

Word Aware is embedded practice in all classrooms. Teachers use Widgit and a shared bank of dual coding symbols to ensure Word Aware/Vocabulary is visible and consistent.

Dual coding is increasingly becoming the norm in teaching and displays across school.

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EAL Provision

EAL provision was altered and became more rigorously monitored in 2020. This has allowed us to identify children who are not making expected progress in their acquisition of English. These children are then assessed for any additional language learning need, by the Speech and Language Therapist and referred to the SENDCO where appropriate. Translation services have been engaged to support with assessment.

All children with identified EAL are assessed in C and L using the BELL Foundation framework. The rating then stipulates the appropriate support framework which teachers, TAs and SALT provide. Some children are assessed termly, others with more confidence and fluency in English, annually.

Support examples: Google Translate, sending home communication in home language, interventions in the Hive/Orchard.

Teacher confidence review yielded no concerns and eagerness to use Widgit online.

Every new starter with EAL is noted, assessed and supported to ensure smooth transition and appropriate support given.

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