



Speech and Language Provision at Bilston Church of England Primary School.

Mission Statement

Here at Bilston Church of England Primary School, we are fully committed to supporting the development of speech, language and communication, and to raise awareness, and address, eating and drinking difficulties with the support of external agencies.

As Speech and Language Co-ordinator, I work very closely with NHS professionals based at the GEM Centre, offering support to children in order for them to be able to meet their communication and interaction potential. I am responsible for carrying out initial assessments, implementing targets set by Speech and Language Therapists and reviewing progress in line with the Graduated Response.

It is important to gain an understanding of a child's needs before they join our setting, so before children enter Reception, the EYFS Lead visits children in their nursery or home. Any concerns about a child's development can be shared at this stage ensuring early intervention and fluidity between support given from external services.

School arranges two stay and play sessions; these sessions usually take place in May and July. This allows myself, as Speech and Language Co-ordinator, EYFS staff and our SENCo to speak to parents directly so that they can share any concerns and so that they gain an understanding of the Speech and Language provision that their child will be receiving.

What does Speech and Language Provision look like at Bilston Church of England Primary School?

As a parent, you can expect your child to receive three sessions per week, each lasting for twenty minutes. Your child will work on a 1:1 basis or in a small group alongside children who are working on the same targets. The work carried out will have a specific focus based on targets set by external professionals. As well as working on targets during Speech and Language sessions, your child will receive support within the classroom through universal provision and quality first teaching.

Once targets have been achieved, a review will be requested and either new targets set, or your child may be discharged depending on the stage that they are working at.

Should you wish to speak to myself in relation to your child's progress, I am available for appointments on parent's evening, or you can arrange to speak to me at an alternative time via our school office.

Statement updated on: 3rd October 2023 by Mrs K. Bircher (Speech and Language Co-ordinator).

