

At your first appointment you will be able to

Discuss the referral and any concerns that you have about your child's speech and language.

Provide information about your child's general development.

Have your child's speech and language skills assessed.

The Therapist will listen to and watch your child play and/or ask your child to complete some activities using books and pictures and toys.

Ask any questions you may have . . .



The role of the therapist

The role of the therapist is to assess and demonstrate activities for you to carry out at home.

After the assessment you, along with the therapist, will decide a course of action.

This action may be:

- A home programme of activities designed for you to implement at home with your child
- Group sessions in order to show you the activities to carry out at home
- Parent advice group sessions

It may be that no further appointments are required and your child will be discharged.

Important

Therapy sessions alone, without you continuing the activities at home, will not work.

Parents Role in Therapy

It is essential that you work with us to help your child.

It is essential that you attend all appointments and take part in sessions. If this is not possible please discuss with the therapist.

It is essential that you complete all homework as success is dependent on **you**.

You will receive copies of reports written about your child.

Unless you request otherwise copies will also be sent to your GP, Health Visitor, School and other relevant professionals.

Please telephone the department on **01925 251389** if you require any further information.



Useful Information

This information was written by the
Speech and Language Therapy Department

For more information or advice on your baby or
toddlers speech or communication please contact:

Speech and Language Therapy Department
Martin Dawes Stand
Halliwel Jones Stadium
Winwick Road
Warrington
WA2 7NE
01925 251389

NHS Direct - 24 hour advice and health information service

NHS Direct Tel No: 0845 46 47

Local Pharmacy - Your local pharmacies offer a wide range of services including information and general advice on symptom relief medicines as well as a prescription collection and delivery service.

For impartial and confidential advice or information about local health services call Val Harper on our freephone Patient Advice and Liaison Service line on 0845 301 3005.

This leaflet is available in alternative formats, for further information contact PALS on 0845 301 3005.

Visit our website at: www.bridgewater-warrington.nhs.uk

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY DEPARTMENT

Information About Speech & Language Therapy



Your child has been referred for Speech & Language Therapy assessment.

Please phone **01925 251389** to make a convenient appointment.

If we do not hear from you we will assume that you have changed your mind about needing an appointment and we will discharge your child.

Schools often ask us about a child's attendance at appointments, if it is not OK to share this information please let us know.