

SpeechLink

Speech Link Screening Results Explained

A Guide for Parents



Your child has now completed Speech and Language screening in school. The results of their assessment have been added by the school to the back of this booklet.

What is Speech Screening?



A Speech and Language Screening Assessment is a test which helps the school to identify if your child has any Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN).

The [Speech Link](#) Assessment looks at the sounds your child is making and how they use these in words.

Why is it important?



We use speech and language skills constantly to communicate our wants and needs and to build strong bonds with other people. Language skills are also important for our learning. In schools and at home, we learn new skills and gain new knowledge by listening to others talking and reading written language. The demands on language skills only increase as children get older and progress through their education.

A difficulty producing speech sounds can have an effect on clarity, confidence and on early literacy skills. It is important to identify these difficulties so that appropriate support can be put in place for your child.

How was my child assessed?



A member of school staff who is trained in completing the Speech Link assessment sat with your child. The online assessment is picture based and children often enjoy completing them. They take around 30 minutes to complete.

What happens if the screening assessment indicates my child has difficulties with speech sounds?



If the screening assessment identifies that your child has some difficulties with speech, the school staff will discuss what everyone can do to help your child to make progress.

Your child's teacher will be able to use teaching and learning strategies in the classroom to help your child with their areas of need.

In addition, they might suggest including your child in a speech group or a specific intervention for extra support in school.

They may also suggest a referral to another agency (e.g. Speech and Language Therapy) to look in more depth at the difficulties indicated.

What can I do to help at home?



A vast amount of speech and language learning happens at home and your input makes a big difference.

Information and free resources are available for you on Speech Link's Parent Portal. Visit www.speechandlanguage.info/parents for more information on how speech and language develops and for specific printable activities and resources to try at home.

If you have any queries about the screening assessment or results, please speak to a member of your school's Teaching or Wellbeing Team.

Speech Link Screening Assessment Results

Name of child:

Date of Assessment: ___/___/___

The results from your child's Speech Link assessment were:

- All areas were age appropriate. No further support is needed.
- Some areas of need were identified, and the school will talk to you about their plans to support your child further.

What will happen next?
