

Speech & Language Therapy

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**Speech and Language Therapy Service at Bents Green
Information for Parents and Carers**

Bents Green School currently has a part-time therapist, Heather Worden and a part-time assistant, Joy Hilton.

We can be contacted via Bents Green school (Tel 0114 2363545) or as above.

How does Speech and Language Therapy work within the school?

Bents Green specialises in meeting the needs of students with significant communication difficulties. School staff are experienced, knowledgeable and skilled in working with these students.

In support of this, the Speech and Language Therapy team works in these ways:

1. Individual level in Y7: we assess all Y7 students' communication strengths and needs, and we liaise with staff to identify an appropriate plan regarding communication. We will contact you if the young person does not have a current referral with Sheffield Speech and Language Therapy at that point.
2. Throughout Y7 - Y11: where particular needs are identified regarding speech, language or social interaction we continue to liaise with and advise staff, and may work with individual students on any aspect of communication as appropriate where this is identified as a priority for them.
3. Individual level in Y11: we reassess all students in Y11 to provide information on school leaving.
4. Group level: the team runs small group sessions for targeted students with teaching staff, on any area of communication.
5. Whole - school level: we are involved in developing the school's activity to support the students' communication development.

What contact will parents and carers have with the Speech and Language Therapy Service?

Please contact us if you have any queries or are concerned about any aspect of the young person's communication.

We will inform you of the results of any assessments and may get in touch for extra information.

We will write a report for the annual review meeting only when we have had significant involvement with your child in that year, and will provide information at other times on request.

Please tell us if you are not happy for Speech Therapy to see your child.

Best Wishes

Heather and Joy, July 2016