

Language Enrichment Programme for Parent/ Carers- Summer 2024 Courses

What is the aim of the Language Enrichment Programme?

The aim of the Language Enrichment Programme is to provide useful and practical strategies to support speech, language and communication development in the home environment.

Who is this programme for?

This programme is for parent/ carers of **Early Years (0-5)** aged children and parent / carers **Primary and Secondary children and young people (aged 5- 16)** who would like to learn how to support their child's communication and language development at home.

What will whole course cover?

- 1) **Early Years course.** Sessions will focus on early communication development and strategies that will help your child such as: listening, commenting and taking turns. We will learn about different fun activities to help your child such as story-telling and singing nursery rhymes. We will also work together to learn how to apply these strategies to our everyday routine, such as the walk to school, washing up and brushing teeth.
- 2) **Primary / Secondary course** will focus on communication development beyond the sentence level. We will focus on sentence structure, levels of understanding, vocabulary and answering questions. We will learn about strategies you can use to support your child's independence, organisation and communication in specific activities and in your everyday routine.

What is the structure of the programme?

Parent/ carers can sign up to the Language Enrichment Programme via a Microsoft Form (see below) The Spring 24 programme will run over 8 weeks and will offer 3 direct 30-45 minute training sessions with Speech and Language Therapist, [Ashleigh McKeown](#). Ashleigh is a Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist. She has experience working with children in the early years, primary schools and secondary schools for the NHS, both in mainstream schools and in additional resourced provisions. She also completes diagnostic assessments for children with social communication differences. Ashleigh supports children with a wide range of communication needs and her passion is motivating and empowering those around the child to support their communication.

Week 1/Session1: What is Communication?

This session will provide you with an overview of communication for your child's age group and the important factors involved. It will also provide strategies that you can practice right away.

Week 2: You will have the chance to practice the activities that you have learnt at home with your child.

Week 3/Session 2: Activities to do at home

This session will provide you with fun activities that you can do at home with your child to support their communication development.

Week 4: You will have the chance to practice the activities that you have learnt at home with your child.

Week 5/Session 3: Language in your everyday routine

This training will provide you with hints and tips to embed communication strategies within your everyday routine.

Weeks 6/7: Time to practice these strategies within your everyday routine.

Week 8 / Review: We will all come together and **review** our progress and our thoughts on the programme

What are the dates and times of the sessions?

Session 1	Tuesday 7th May 24	Early Years Primary / Secondary (aged 5-16)	9.45-10.30 am Or (repeat) 6.45 – 7.30pm 11.00 -11.45am Or (repeat) 8.00-8.45 pm
Session 2	Tuesday 21st May 24	Early Years Primary / Secondary (aged 5-16)	9.45-10.30 am Or (repeat) 6.45 – 7.30pm 11.00 -11.45am Or (repeat) 8.00-8.45 pm
Session 3	Tuesday 4th June 24	Early Years Primary / Secondary (aged 5-16)	9.45-10.30 am Or (repeat) 6.45 – 7.30pm 11.00 -11.45am Or (repeat) 8.00-8.45pm
Review Session	Tuesday 25th June 24	Both Early Years, Primary / Secondary together	9.45-10.30am Or 6.45-7.30pm



Will I be provided with any resources?

Yes! You will be provided with the PDF Powerpoint slides from the sessions. You will also be provided with a free downloadable activity sheets for each of the sessions to keep for your reference. We also provide additional information based on questions you have during the sessions.

To register your interest

<https://forms.office.com/r/pxBPdejAGB>



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