

Communication and Interaction Team Parents & Carers Consent

For a Speech and Language Therapist to work with your child either as part of a class, small group or individually we need your consent.



For your child to access our service:

- ✓ Please read our **Parent/Carer Special Schools Booklet** to find out more information about how the Communication and Interaction Team support your child at their special school.
- ✓ Please read this **information before signing the consent form**. There are some extra things we need your consent for.
- ✓ **Complete and sign** the consent form.
- ✓ **Return** the form to your child's **school**.



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have needed to change the way we work. We are now using **video calls**, using apps like Microsoft Teams, to work with pupils. This is called **Virtual Therapy**. Where we cannot use Virtual Therapy, but the child needs urgent support, we can do **face to face contact**. A **risk assessment** is done to see if face to face contact is possible.



Speech and Language Therapists work with lots of children and young people and visit different schools. We have **strict guidelines** to make visiting your child **as safe as possible**.

The Therapist may need to wear a **face covering** or **PPE** when working with your child in person.

Your child will be **given information before** they see the Therapist about what the **Therapist will have to wear** when working with them and **why**.



Sometimes in Therapy we need to **video** your child or **record** their speech.

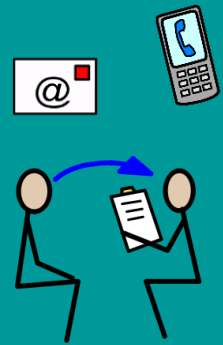
Your **child will always be told** when they are being recorded and given the opportunity to **say no**.

The recordings will be **kept securely** according to our records information and saved in your child's notes. They will **not be shared** or used for any other purposes other than to support your child's **assessment or therapy**.

Your child's Speech and Language Therapist will **share information** relevant to your child with other professionals who work with them.

They may also **ask other professionals for information** about your child, if they feel it is important when choosing the best way to help your child's communication.

We have to **store your information** but will only **keep** what we **need** to. You can **ask** for this information by making a **Freedom of Information Request**. More information can be found in the **Privacy Notice** which can be found on our **website** or this can be emailed to you.



Therapists **do not visit** schools in either the **first or last week of a half term**.

We **support and train** Speech and Language Therapist **Students** and they may work with your child **under supervision**.

Your child **can** access this support even if they are supported by other services such as **NHS or private therapists**.

If your child moves to a **new school or college**, we may work with them at their **new school** until the **end of their first autumn term**.

Please sign the attached form to give your consent.

Please return this form to your child's school as soon as possible. **We will not be able to work with your child's class until this consent is given.**

If you have any **questions** please direct these to your **class teachers** first or the **school Speech and Language Therapist**, who can also be contacted via school.

