



LANGUAGE FOR LIFE
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Language for Life Speech and Language Help in your Child's Early Years Setting

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Your child's early years setting is taking part in the Language for Life programme, funded by St John's Foundation. Further information can be found in the Language for Life information leaflet you will have received from your child's setting. The programme is different to other speech and language therapy services and is running alongside them.

The Language for Life speech and language therapist will be spending time in your child's setting throughout the two-year programme. They will work with the staff to suggest and try out new ideas to help the children's speech and language skills. A speech and language therapy student may also spend time in your child's setting.

The programme's speech and language therapist may demonstrate how to use the WellComm language screen with your child or show the adults how to carry out activities and interventions to develop new skills.

Your child's setting will be given information about activities to support all the children. They will pass on ideas you can try at home.

In order to monitor the effectiveness of the Language for Life programme, we may need to access information on any onward referrals from your child's setting to services such as Speech and Language Therapy and the Health Visitor. You will be informed of any onward referrals made by your child's setting and will be given the opportunity to consent to this.

If you do **not** want your child to take part in Language for Life demonstrations or monitoring, please let their setting know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

The Language for Life team



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