



BEST START PORTSMOUTH

New Project for

- Early Years
- 0-19 Service
- Health Visitors

High quality evidence-based language advice and interventions for children and families at no cost to you.

Approximately 10% of all children have long-term speech, language and communication needs (SLCN). In some areas of deprivation, more than 50% of children start school with SLCN. Meeting needs of children, and reducing inequality, requires a system-wide approach as currently needs are frequently unidentified.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/best-start-in-speech-language-and-communication>

The Department for Education (DfE) early years social mobility programme works to include child's outcome with a particular focus on early language.



Good early years education is the cornerstone of social mobility.

Delivered by Speech and Language Therapists and Assistants, you can expect to receive FREE training opportunities, increased contact at meetings and in your settings. We can provide advice and information about how you can be more effective in the support you offer your children and families. We need your help to measure our effectiveness.

- ✓ We will come to your setting – just drop us a line
- ✓ Look out for information in Newsletters and via your SENCo
- ✓ There is a survey to complete to help us establish a baseline of your current skills and knowledge. We will visit you do complete this with you.

We can :

Help you create a language rich learning environment
Improved referrals into our specialist service

Signpost to resources and information

Email us with any queries, questions, suggestions and comments we would love to hear from you!

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