



Specialist Language Class in Worcestershire

What do we offer in specialist language class?

Children attend language class full time and every class is situated within a mainstream school. Each class offers:

- Access to the same curriculum as mainstream peers
- Specialist teaching and a high staff to pupil ratio
- Direct intervention from the Speech and Language Therapy team
- Collaborative planning and target setting between teachers, therapists and parents
- Opportunities for inclusion into mainstream lessons, activities and social events

What is our aim?

For children to return to their local mainstream setting without needing ongoing speech and language therapy, and where Speech, Language & Communication Needs are no longer a barrier to their learning potential.

What are the admissions criteria for language class?

In order to be considered for language class provision children:

- Are known to Herefordshire and Worcestershire Speech and Language Therapy Service
- Have specific and significant speech and language difficulties
- Have cognitive skills within the average range
- Have received intervention from a Speech and Language Therapist and still require ongoing specialist support
- Do not require an EHCP in order to access this provision

How does my child get a place?

- The referral is made by the child's Speech and Language Therapist to the Local Authority, who will check that the initial criteria are met. They will then forward the referral to the language class panel for consideration for placement.
- Where there are no vacancies at the time of referral, the child will be put on a waiting list.
- Staff from the local language class will contact parents to invite them to visit the provision.
- Where this would be helpful a functional assessment is carried out by language class staff in the child's current setting.
- Termly multi-agency meetings take place to discuss children entering and leaving language class.

What our typical day looks like:

- Welcome and register in Mainstream Language Class
- Assembly
- Morning sessions in MLU include:
 - - English (Reading & Writing & Phonics)
 - - Maths
- Lunchtime
- Afternoon sessions in mainstream include all other areas of curriculum (e.g. History, Geography, Music, PE, PSHE, RE, Science, Art, Design & Technology)
- Afternoon 1:1/ small group sessions/ support delivered by the MLU team and Speech and Language Therapist
- End of day – leave from mainstream class.