

What do other Sheffield schools think, having purchased additional SLT?

'It is reassuring that we are able to call more often on our SLT for her expertise and advice regarding speech and language. She knows our school philosophy and the needs of the children and staff. She has provided us with some excellent training tailored to our needs, so that we feel more confident to meet all the speech and language needs of our children.'

Karen Heeley, SENCo
Arbourthorne Community Primary

'We place great value on the role that our therapist has in school. He plays an integral part in supporting us in identifying individual needs, creating communication-friendly environments, working with parents / carers and providing on-going bespoke training to staff. We use the SLT service as a tool to ensure that talk is at the heart of all learning, for all of our pupils.'

Maria Jackson-Brown, SENCo
Pipworth School

'Buying in extra Speech and Language Therapy has enabled us to develop staff knowledge and understanding through staff meetings as well as through practical support in classrooms. We have also been able to run extra interventions led by expert Speech Therapists. As SENCo, I have found it invaluable as I used some 'bought in time' to support me in developing whole school practice and provision in a field which is not my area of expertise'.

Fiona Hayes, SENCo
Pathways Academy

If you have any questions about purchasing additional speech and language therapy, or just want some more information, please contact us at the address below.

SHEFFIELD SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

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Speech and Language Therapy

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A guide for mainstream schools in Sheffield

WHY BUY IN EXTRA?

The Sheffield Children’s Speech and Language Therapy Service provides an equitable service across the city into all primary and secondary schools. However, we do not have the resources to meet every school’s needs.

Some schools and units choose to purchase additional speech and language therapy support to boost the service provided by the NHS.



WHAT CAN THE ADDITIONAL SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY ACHIEVE?

There is opportunity for school staff to discuss the type of input that may be needed to best meet the needs of staff and pupils in the school. Work undertaken by the speech and language therapist is then agreed in advance with school staff. This may include:

- Ongoing therapy for children (either individual sessions or groups).
- Assessment of children referred (and advice about which children to refer).
- Communication screening e.g. for whole year groups.
- Close liaison and skill-sharing with school staff.
- Training (group and 1:1).
- Attending meetings e.g. planning meetings, annual reviews and staff meetings.
- Working with parents.
- Working with school staff to develop and implement whole-school communication policy.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS INVOLVED? *

This is dependent on your school’s identified needs. We are happy to meet and discuss this with you.

	Package	Cost
A day a week	A day a week for 6 half terms (36 visits)	£8,967
	A day a week for 3 half terms (18 visits)	£4,484
A morning a week	A morning a week for 6 half terms (36 visits)	£5,978
	A morning a week for 3 half terms (18 visits)	£2,989
An afternoon a week	An afternoon a week for 6 half terms (36 visits)	£4,483
	An afternoon a week for 3 half terms (18 visits)	£2,242

* *Costings are based on the 2017/185 financial year.*