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ELSEC

Learning Lunch 22.10.24

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What is ELSEC?

Early Language Support for Every Child.

Background:

- Part of the SEND and AP Change Programme.
- DfE pilot programme, one of only 9 pathfinders nationally.
- An exciting joint venture between health and education.



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The ELSEC Team



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Meet the team:

- Gillian Hackett - SLT Project Lead
- Joanne Preston – Education Lead
- Nikki Stinton - Advanced Practitioner, Speech and Language Therapist
- Tracey Inniss - Advanced Practitioner, Speech and Language Therapist
- HLTA practitioners:

Rachel White	Kerry Nicholls
Donna Molloy	Sarah Bryan
Becky Fenn	Laura Taylor
Wendy Marsh	



Aims of the ELSEC Programme

The overall aim of ELSEC is to improve the speech and language offer for all children in Early Years and into Key Stage 1.

- ❖ Improve early identification and support CYP with SLCN support.
- ❖ Build upon what settings are already doing to promote SLC and explore different ways of promoting SLC in the Early Years and KS1.
- ❖ Increase workforce capacity.
- ❖ Provide additional interventions, gather high quality data and evidence to inform future programmes.
- ❖ Co-production and joined up working between education, health and parents.
- ❖ Reduce the need for specialist referrals.

The ELSEC offer

As part of the ELSEC offer a range of FREE services are given to settings.

All settings are supported with the training and delivery of Talk Boost – EY and KS1.

ELSEC includes:

- Each setting to have a dedicated ELSEC practitioner and named ELSEC lead.
- Meeting with setting leaders to identify individual setting needs.
- Modelling and coaching for setting staff.
- A communication audit.
- Workshops for parents.
- Bespoke training to meet the needs of individual settings.



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Who is currently involved in Telford & Wrekin?

School settings:

- Hollinswood Primary
- Lawley Primary School
- Lawley Village Academy.
- Meadows Primary
- St. Luke's Catholic Primary School
- St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
- William Reynolds Primary School
- Windmill Primary School

Nursery settings:

- ABC Hollinswood
- Chec Mates
- Madeley Nursery
- Oakengates Nursery
- Puddleducks
- Woodentops



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The Universal Offer

The Universal Offer is currently being developed to signpost parents, carers and professionals to appropriate resources and advice to support speech, language and communication needs.

- A first reference point for parents and carers, professionals and all adults working with children.
- A range of everyday techniques and tips.
- Resources and links to support the graduated response.

Coming to the SEND Local Offer soon.

Timescales

Data will be collected for the DfE until August 2025 although currently we will continue to work with settings until 2026.

The first wave of settings will be supported until the summer term 2025. From the start of the autumn term 2025 a second wave of schools and nurseries will be invited to begin the ELSEC programme.

If you are interested in joining us for Wave 2, look out for information that will be sent out to schools in summer 2025.



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Any questions?