Pre-school pathway – Speech & Language Therapy referral (September 2021)

Concerns raised re: pre-schooler's communication skills

Are concerns re: stammering, cleft lip/palate, *nasality, hearing, *voice quality, or *swallowing?

NO

YES

REFER
Our referral form is on this page.

Carry out a Graduated Response using the EY Practitioner Toolkit for 2 half-terms / 3 months)

Complete the BRISC checklist closest to the child's age:
Here's the links to the BRISC document and guidance to completing BRISC

Have you highlighted or ticked any criteria on BRISC "referral" list?

NO

MONITOR

- Review with BRISC in 3 months time.
- Use the EY Practitioner Toolkit to complete a further graduated response.

YES

Are concerns about **understanding and *use of language**?

YES

Is the child **2 ½** or older?

YES

REFER
Our referral form is on this page.
and implement some of the strategies on our website pages about understanding of language, use of language, and adapting adult language.

NO

NO

Are concerns about *speech sounds?

YES

Is the child **3½** or older?

NO

YES

REFER
Our referral form is on this page. Please include a completed BRISC 'Record Sheet of Speech sound development' checklist.
and follow our speech sounds advice leaflet and also our general advice for settings.

Are concerns about **social communication skills?** (e.g. limited eye contact, no interaction with children/adults, not using words to get their needs met or to share interests)

YES

REFER
Our referral form is on this page.
and try some Social communication strategies and follow our visual supports advice.

*GLOSSARY

Nasality – some of the speech is coming from the nose.
Voice quality – e.g. do they have a husky or hoarse voice?
Swallowing e.g. regularly coughing/choking when eating or drinking? Food coming down the nose?
Speech sounds – do you or others understand the words they say? Are they clear?
Use of language – i.e. the number of words they say, how they put words together to make sentence/questions, and use grammar.

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