

4 – 7 year olds Speech & Language Therapy referral pathway (September 2021)

Concerns raised re. school aged communication difficulties

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

YES

REFER
Our referral form is on [this page](#).

NO

Complete the BRISC checklist closest to the child's age:
Here's the links to the [BRISC document](#) and [guidance to completing BRISC](#).
Highlight/tick any criteria that apply in the 'refer' or 'monitor' boxes

Are any boxes on BRISC "referral" criteria met about pronunciation of *speech sounds?

YES

REFER
Referral form on [this page](#); include a [BRISC 'Record Sheet of Speech sound development' checklist](#).
Follow our [speech sounds advice leaflet](#) and [general advice for settings](#).

NO

Graduated Response: Are the concerns about use or understanding of language or social communication?
Complete 2 half-terms/3 months of strategies / interventions and record any progress made. Keep a record of this, as it will be required as your evidence of a graduated response.

Examples:

- [SBC Core Standards](#)
- [Signalong](#)
- [EY Practitioner Toolkit for a Graduated Response in Speech, Language and Communication Support](#).
- NELI/Nuffield Early Language Intervention (If Reception age) – [national programme from Sept 2021](#)
- Talk Boost / Early Talkboost – training available via <https://hubforeducation.swindon.gov.uk/Training>
- WellComm (some settings have signed up to this via. Swindon Borough Council).
- [Visual Supports](#)
- Strategies/resources from our [website](#)

NO

Repeat the BRISC checklist – are any of the referral criteria met?
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Highlight/tick any criteria that apply in the 'refer' or 'monitor'

YES

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Attach information and evidence of the graduated response you have put in place.

*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?