

Sandwell's Focus Provision for Speech, Language and Communication Needs



(SLCN) at Uplands Manor Primary School



What is the Focus Provision for SLCN?

We provide **intensive speech and language support** for children with **severe speech and language difficulties** in a mainstream primary school setting.

Who is the Focus Provision for?

- **Children with severe speech and/or language disorders** whose needs cannot be fully met at their local school. However the child's needs can be met by the SLCN Focus Provision.
- Children can only access a place if the child has an **Education, Health and Care Plan** that results in the child being offered a place in the SLCN Focus Provision.

What does the Focus Provision offer?

A **Communication-friendly Quality Mark Award** winning mainstream primary school setting in which:

- **Communication skills are a priority** throughout the school
- School staff have **additional knowledge, skills and experience** in supporting children with SLCN
- Visual support including **symbols, pictures and Makaton sign** are used across the school to support spoken language.
- School staff deliver children's **speech and language therapy programmes daily**.
- School staff receive **training** on supporting children's SLCNs.
- A **Speech and Language Therapist is in school** one day a week just for the children who are part of the SLCN Focus Provision.
- Blocks of weekly or fortnightly **direct therapy with a Speech and Language Therapist in school** are available.
- **Enhanced Services Speech and Language Therapist in school** 2 days a week working with the school to improve the communication skills of all children in school.

- **Focus Provision Learning Support Practitioner** in school also supporting children, staff and parents.
- Regular contact with **parents**



Work area set up for a FP child



Whole school Makaton signing



1-1 therapy session

Are the children still part of a class?

Yes, the children who have a SLCN Focus Provision place are part of their class. The children spend as much time as possible in class with additional support from a Learning Support Assistant when they need it.

Children have a daily speech and language programme with a Learning Support Assistant. The programme is set up and supported by the Speech and Language Therapist.

Some children access small group work or some individual work for aspects of their learning if they need to complete some work out of class.

How do I find out if a SLCN Focus Provision place is suitable for my child?

A child is offered a place in the Focus Provision when the child's EHCP (Education Health and Care Plan) states that the child's needs cannot be fully met at their local school but the child's needs can be met within the SLCN FP.

If you think your child might need this you should discuss this with your child's SENDCo.

Parent's views

'My child has progressed I can see a change in her, speech is coming on well.' (Year 5 child)

'I feel that the school staff understand my child's difficulties and have provided excellent support.' (Year 6 child)

Visual support being used in class and 'Can Do club'

