



Speech, Language and Communication Service



Elklan Accredited Training Speech and Language support for 3–5 year olds

This evidence-based Speech and Language Support for 3 – 5's is a highly successful externally accredited training course which equips staff to develop key communication skills in children.

The training course will:

- Build your confidence and skills to support the communication and learning development of ALL children aged 3-5's years but especially those with speech and language difficulties.
- Give you practical advice and strategies to support parents and families with whom you work.
- Provide settings with a highly skilled workforce to help narrow the gap and improve the life chances of young children
- Give you an externally verified and accredited level 2 or 3 award.

Learners complete a 'Learning Log' throughout the duration of the course to gain accreditation. There is a time commitment involved to completing activities with pupils and evaluating practice.

- **Sessions will be delivered fortnightly at Meadowdale Academy, Hazelmere Ave, Bedlington NE22 6HA**
- Session 1: Thursday 16th January 2025 1:30-4:00pm
- Session 2: Thursday 30th January 2025 1:30-4:00pm
- Session 3: Thursday 13th February 2025 1:30-4:00pm
- Session 4: Thursday 6th March 2025 1:30-4:00pm
- Session 5: Thursday 20th March 2025 1:30-4:00pm
- Session 6: Thursday 3rd April 2025 1:30-4:00pm
- Session 7: Thursday 1st May 2025 1:30-4:00pm

- Session 8: Thursday 15th May 2025 1:30-4:00pm
- Session 9: Thursday 5th June 2025 1:30-4:00pm
- Session 10: Thursday 19th June 2025 1:30-4:00pm

The course will cover the following areas:

- What is communication?
- Communication friendly settings, adult-child interaction and working with families
- Learning to listen and supporting understanding through non-verbal communication and visual strategies and understanding spoken language
- Promoting the development of vocabulary; modifying adults' speech to help a child understand language
- Understanding spoken language and information carrying words
- Blank Language Scheme (or language for thinking)
- Encouraging expressive language and narrative skills
- Developing Play for language
- Supporting children with unclear speech and developing phonological awareness skills

How much does it cost?

This training package will be charged at £102.00 per learner

The course cost covers:

- Elklan's teaching materials,
- an Elklan course book
- accreditation with OCN London at either Level 2 or 3.

Delivery of the course and marking of portfolios are provided at no extra cost from the Speech, Language and Communication Service.

There is a limited number of places available so book your place now by emailing:

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