

Top Tips for Talking

Speech & Language Therapy Department Community & Therapy Services

This leaflet has been designed to give you important information about Speech and Language Therapy advice to help your child's talking. If your Toddler is finding it hard to talk – try the following tips.

Information for patients and visitors

Follow your child's interests

This means...

- Your child will listen to you more
- Your child knows you are interested in them



Keep it short and simple

This means...

- We listen to you and can help you to help your child



Talk about what your child is doing

This means...

- Your child hears the word that goes with what they are doing



Say it again and again

This means...

- Your child will hear a word enough times to work out what it means
- Children enjoy repetition



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Copy and add to your child's sentences

This means...

- Your child is interested in what you say
- You show your child how to make their sentences a little bit longer



Don't ask your child to copy you

This means...

- Forcing a child to say something doesn't help them to learn the word
- Your child may become reluctant to speak



Give your child choices

- Your child will hear you say the words clearly
- Your child is thinking, not just copying



Listen and react to what you child says, not just how they say it.

This means that...

- You say the words clearly for your child and they will then learn them for themselves
- You will help your child build their confidence talking



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Turn it off... and tune in

This means...

- You will have your child's full attention



Concerns and Queries

If you have any concerns / queries about any of the services offered by the Trust, in the first instance, please speak to the person providing your care.

For Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital

Alternatively you can contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on (01472) 875403 or at the PALS office which is situated near the main entrance.

For Scunthorpe General Hospital

Alternatively you can contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on (01724) 290132 or at the PALS office which is situated on C Floor.

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