

SEND Support

This is a list of information websites, tips and resources to help you support your children with their additional needs, learning and self-esteem. Children have varying needs and there is no one size approach fits all. It is quite common for children to have additional needs that span all these areas, so select the resources that meet the needs of your child, without worrying too much about the label or category they fall under. Everyone has strengths and weaknesses and these SEND strategies will be beneficial to many children, whether or not they have a diagnosis.

Speech and Language	
Information Websites	https://www.pat.nhs.uk/hmr-childrens-speech-and-language-therapy.htm https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/
Tips	<p>Speech sounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Model speech to the children by repeating words back to them correctly. <p>Understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Give children time to process what you have asked and respond. - Use simple language and break instructions down into smaller steps. - Encourage children to answer questions, such as who, what, where, when and why? When reading their books. Encourage them to tell you the story in their own words. <p>Expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talk about all your experiences in detail, teaching new vocabulary all the time. - Discuss vocabulary in books, making sure the children understand the meaning of tricky words. <p>Social Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Play lots of games with your child to encourage social skills, such as taking turns and winning and losing. - Use a visual timetable and visual aids to provide structure and routines.
Resources	<p>https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/</p> <p>Continue to work on Speech and Language targets set by the Speech and Language Therapist (if already seen).</p> <p>https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources/resources-for-parents/</p> <p>Social skills games: https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/specialeducationalneeds-sen/specialeducationalneeds-sen-social-emotional-and-mental-health-difficulties/sen-friendship-and-social-skills</p> <p>http://autismteachingstrategies.com/free-social-skills-downloads-2/</p>