



Parent Information Sheet

Supporting General Speech and Sound Difficulties

Children are usually around 7 years old before they pronounce every sound correctly in their speech.

1. **Liaise** - Liaise with your child's Speech & Language Therapist & your child's Class Teacher / SENCO.
2. **Relax** – Don't force your child into saying words correctly. If he/she can't say the word after one or two attempts, it is unlikely to be attainable at this point.
3. **Repeat** - Repeat words for the child to hear, so he/she hears the correct model e.g. "yesat the sea side", but do not ask him or her to say it again (unless the SLT has advised you to focus on a particular sound).
4. **Good Looking** - It is beneficial if your child looks at you as you pronounce their target sound.
5. **Links** - A home-school diary may be helpful to find out what the child is explaining or has done in school.
6. **Be Honest** - If you do not understand, repeat back to the point where you got lost, or repeat back the parts you understood.
7. **Good Looking** - Face the child as they are speaking, they may use facial expression or gesture to compensate for their speech difficulties.
8. **Praise** - Don't forget to praise your child for their efforts.