

What Do Speech and Language Pathologists Do?

Speech and Language Pathologists help children who have challenges with being understood, speaking to other peers and adults, and using the right type of language to formulate their thoughts, wants and needs.

In speech-language therapy, a speech therapist works with a child one-on-one, in a small group, or in a classroom to support optimal outcomes.

Will My Child Benefit From Speech Pathology?

Speech therapy is beneficial for children who are having difficulty communicating.

Some questions to consider:

- Is your child's speech unclear to unfamiliar people?
- Is your child frustrated because other people cannot understand them?
- Is your child struggling to express their wants and needs with words and sentence?
- Is your child stuttering (e.g. repeating words, sounds or syllables)?
- Is your child in school and struggling to grasp letter-sound relationships?
- Is your child struggling to make friendships due to delayed speech and/or language skills?



Fiona is a speech pathologist with over 10 years' experience working predominantly with preschool and school age children



Fiona completed her Masters in Speech and Language Therapy from Ireland in 2012 and has a wealth of experience in all areas of paediatric development such as developmental delays/disorders, motor disorders, dysfluency, and working within the disability space.

Over her professional career, Fiona has worked in community health, private practice, mainstream schools and has offered her expertise for consultation purposes across different sectors



Fiona also has experience in both Academic Teaching and in Clinical Education; Fiona has lectured on the Speech and Language Masters programme at the University of Limerick in Ireland. T

Fiona utilises the best practice principles of early childhood learning to implement a family centred approach to therapy. Fiona supports and builds the capacity of parents/caregivers and teachers to facilitate optimal functional outcomes for each individual child.

Fiona is available every Friday to see you child and/or to meet with a parent to discuss any concerns and to seek advice if speech therapy is the right service for your child.