

The LinkNews

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Welcome to your July membership newsletter, from Speech and Language Link.

As promised, we are announcing the date of The Link Live 2022, our online SLCN conference, here first. An Early Bird ticket offer, exclusively for our Link News subscribers, will also be available soon. Don't forget to save the date! In addition, learn more about our package, Secondary Language Link. With the end of term drawing closer, be sure to take a look at our Parent Portal for resources, activities and games for home learning.



"63% of teachers believe that children moving to secondary schools in September will struggle more with their speaking and understanding, compared with those who started secondary school before Covid."

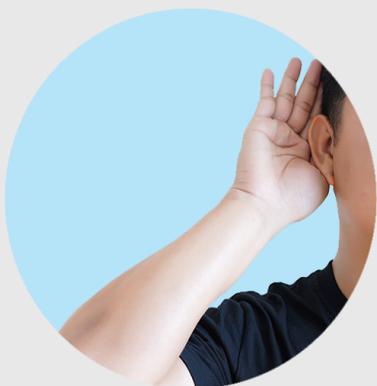
I CAN's recent report 'Speaking up for the Covid Generation' reveals the detrimental impact lockdown has on children and young people's speech and language skills. This is due to time away from school, reduced peer to peer interaction and for our older children perhaps increased time spent on mobile devices.

Secondary teachers are concerned that children will be at risk of poorer communication skills, fewer job opportunities and increased SEMH concerns without additional support.

Secondary Language Link screens students aged 11-14 and identifies language difficulties. The online assessment and engaging interventions will lay the groundwork for success in developing good literacy skills. We are very excited by the new interventions and features that Secondary Language Link will have from September. Take a **FREE 2-week trial** of Secondary Language Link and find out how the programme will enable your school to identify the language and communication needs of your KS3 students.

Book your Free Trial of Secondary Language Link

How secondaries can build better links with parents



After studying why parental engagement can diminish in secondary school, this teacher has some helpful insights to share.



SLCN doesn't end in the classroom. With the summer holidays coming up, your children will still need SLCN support from home. Take a look at our Parent Portal for fun and free resources, activities and games all based around speech, language and communication.

Check out our new blog on the Parent Portal:

Five tips for making speech and language fun this summer





We all know speaking in public is hard, but for a child with SLCN this may be even harder. Read Professional Speaker, Simon Bucknall's, article in the latest issue of The Link Magazine Issue 20 about speaking in schools.

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The LinkLive

2022

Save the date! The Link Live 2022 online SLCN conference is taking place on Friday 11th March 2021. Tickets will be on sale from 1st November 2021. **Early Bird discount tickets will be available exclusively for The Link News subscribers.**

The Blog

[The impact of vocabulary teaching using sound and meaning cues](#)



Rose Brooks joined us at The Link Live Virtual Conference 2021 to discuss her research into the impact of vocabulary teaching using sound and meaning cues.

[The Parent Detectives](#)



Have months of home learning resulted in increased parental awareness of SLCN? - And if so, how can this be used to its greatest effect?

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Improving mental health support for young people



A new report from mental health charity Mind, shows that young people aren't getting the support they need, and that the stigma attached to mental health means that young people are often reluctant to seek help.

Take action by emailing your GP and urge them to #FundtheHUBS.

Education Secretary launches call for evidence on behaviour in schools

Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, launches call for evidence on behaviour in schools. This six-week consultation is seeking the views of school staff and parents on managing good behaviour and in particular the use of mobile phones during the school day. Make sure you have your say to ensure your views are considered in the planned updates to government guidance later this year on behaviour and discipline.



Building Back Better: Speech and language therapy services after COVID-19



Published 16 March 2021, the RCSLT's Building Back Better report shares people's experiences of accessing speech and language therapy during the first UK-wide lockdown.

#BuildBackBetterSLT

Lockdown: "Children behind in speech and understanding" (Language Link Data contributes to findings)

Results of the 4000+ Infant Language Link assessments, carried out by UK primary schools last autumn, were credited in the recent report that revealed that **25%** of children are returning to school needing extra support with speech and language skills.

That's up to 1.5 million children left behind!



Is your Larynx knackered?

Mark Roberts, assistant headteacher, offers 4 non-verbal communication strategies that will not only rest your vocal chords, but may benefit the way you communicate with students too! .



The Link Facebook Group

Be part of the SLCN conversation by joining our Facebook Group community, where you can take part in polls, find out what our therapists are thinking, and ask any questions to the community.



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