

## Speech & LanguageLink

Good communication skills are linked to achievement and life chances. Yet over 1 million children throughout the UK have severe long-term difficulties with talking and understanding. Unsupported, these will affect attainment, learning, literacy, social relationships, behaviour, mental health and ultimately employment and social mobility. The right support can transform lives.



### The Speech & Language Link whole school approach

For the last 20 years, Speech and Language Link have helped children and young people develop their speech and language skills. Our award-winning tools enable your schools support pupils with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) across the whole school and facilitate working more closely with parents and carers, as well as multi-agency specialist teams.

We are a leading provider of speech and language tools throughout the UK and abroad. In 2022/23, over 245,000 students were screened and over 65,000 were supported through our interventions.

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The Scarborough Pledge has supported its coastal schools to address concerns about pupils' poor levels of speech and language development. This has been made possible through Language Link – an interactive child-friendly system that screens children from school entry to the end of Primary school. Initially the project was for 5 schools but due to the success of the pilot, a further 10 schools joined.

The programme has not only been highly effective in identifying children whose teachers did not think they had communication or comprehension gaps, but the children have also made accelerated progress. It's a joy to work with and to see the children make progress because they have access to the interventions that meet their personalised needs.”

**VICKI LOGAN, HEADTEACHER, OVERDALE CP SCHOOL. SCARBOROUGH.**

