

Early Talk for York Roadmap

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Early Talk for York is an approach to improve speech, language and communication of children aged 0 to 5 years.

In this roadmap you can find more detail about the range of ways in which you can achieve each of the 3-step criteria of the Early Talk for York approach.

You can submit an expression of interest form to access funded opportunities to get involved in the 3-step programme.

To find out more visit: www.york.gov.uk/EarlyTalkForYorkRoadmap

Core activities

Within this section you can find all the opportunities for the core activity related to Early Talk for York to help you achieve the 3-step approach.



Early Childhood Education Providers

Aspects of Early Talk for York that can be used within Early Childhood Education providers.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Step 1

City-wide WellComm rollout

Use the WellComm toolkit to universally screen all children and respond accordingly. Submit this data to the LA annually.

Communication Toolbox

Make use of the Communication Toolbox which is available to all schools and settings.

Network

Join or set up a network to share practice and support each other in relation to ETFY (community of practice)

Look Say Sing Play (LSSP) for all under 2s

Use activities from LSSP with children and make resources available to families to use at home. Encourage families to sign up to the weekly tips from LSSP.

Step 2

Train practitioners

Access Speech, Language & Communication training for 75% of your team.

Communication Toolbox

Use the Communication toolbox with families so they can support their child's development.

Join an Early Talk For York network/delivery group

Share experiences and good practice with other settings and schools. Express interest by email.

Step 3

Train practitioners

1) Access Level 3 accredited training for 10% of your team.
2) Access Level 4 training and complete cascade training to achieve Communication Friendly Setting status.

Train new starters

Ensure that new members of your team access training sessions provided by ETFY speech and language therapists.

Train childminders

Access Speech, Language and Communication training package.

Look Say Sing Play sessions for families

Offer sessions of Look Say Sing Play to families, demonstrate the activities and promote the benefits.

With Family Learning

Family Learning support the Early Talk for York approach and you can collaborate with the team.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Step 1

Family Learning

The 'Early Start' programme is available to support families with the Look Say Sing Play activities.

Step 2

Family Learning

Tutors from Family Learning can be embedded in schools to provide focused support for families.

With Healthy Child Service

The Healthy Child Service supports the Early Talk for York approach and you can collaborate with the team.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Step 1

Healthy Child Service

This service uses the Early Language Identification Measure to screen all children during 2 to 2.5 year review.

Consistency

The Healthy Child Service also uses the WellComm Toolkit with families to support intervention other than 2 to 2.5 year olds.

Collaboration

The Healthy Child Service and settings across York will be in regular contact through named professionals.

Step 2

Support in the home

The Healthy Child Service work directly with families to support the home environment including where identified through Early Talk for York.

Integrated support

The Healthy Child Service and Settings with 2 year olds will carry out integrated review meetings for children and families where appropriate.

Wrap around support

We know from our evaluation that the Early Talk for York approach works best where wrap around support is fully utilised. In this section we detail the breadth of opportunities available for this support.



ETFY Speech and Language Therapists

You can draw upon the support of our dedicated Speech and Language Therapists.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Step 1

WellComm Training Offer

The ETFY SALTs offer training for staff to bring them up to speed on WellComm.

WellComm workshops

The Early Talk for York and Speech and Language Hub members offer follow up training to enhance practice around WellComm in settings.

Step 2

Speech, Language and Communication training for settings

The ETFY SALTs offer training for settings (75% of staff) to train the workforce and help achieve Step 2 of the Early Talk for York approach.

Speech, Language and Communication training for childminders

The ETFY SALTs offer training for childminders to help them achieve Step 2 of the Early Talk for York approach.

Step 3

Bespoke access

All providers have access to a named trained professional to provide additional support and a link to ETFY SALTs for targeted intervention.

Advanced training

Our ETFY SALTs will also respond to bespoke training requests where needs are seen over a group of organisations. Talk to them about this on a case by case basis.

NHS Speech and Language Therapy Service

The hospital based Speech and Language Therapy Service supports Early Talk for York.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Step 1

Universal screening

Universally screening children using the WellComm toolkit will support practitioners with identifying and responding to specific areas of need, and making appropriate referrals.

Screening outcomes provide key information to support referrals.

Step 2

Sharing of information and advice

Advice, resources and training packages are available for parents/carers, health and education staff on SALT website.

Training packages

Contact the SALT service for further information about available training.

Step 3

Direct engagement with SALT service

The SALT service is available to discuss any concerns relating to Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN). Settings and schools should maintain regular engagement with SALT (as required).

Speech, Language and Communication Hub

Support is available from specialist peers via the Speech, Language and Communication Hub.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Step 1

WellComm

Contact the Hub via email for help to use and embed the WellComm Toolkit beyond training from Speech and Language Therapists.

Step 2

Continued support

Practitioners from the Hub with advanced qualifications will provide pre and post support for Speech, Language and Communication training.

Step 3

Ongoing support

Contact the Hub via email for ongoing support in relation to specific request and queries relating to practice, provision and leadership.

Peer support

Peer to peer support can contribute to achieving the Early Talk for York approach.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Step 1

Network

Make sure you are part of an existing local network to share good practice. For example, Shared Foundation Partnerships, Leaders and Manager networks, Childminder forums, SENDCo network.

Step 2

Focus your network

Increase the focus of speech, language and communication in your network by ensuring it is always a top priority for sharing good practice support.

Step 3

Early Talk for York Delivery Group

Be an active participant in the delivery group meeting for your Early Talk for York group.

Support from University students

The University of York support the Early Talk for York approach through their 'Students in Schools' programme.

[Click here](#) to find out more.

Step 1

Student volunteers

Contact The University of York for specially trained volunteers to support WellComm.

Allocated on a termly basis.

Get in touch

Find out more about the opportunities available and how you can get involved with the programme at: www.york.gov.uk/EarlyTalkforYorkRoadmap

Or email the team at: etfy@york.gov.uk

