

## Feedback on the Pre-school Language Group

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Feedback from anyone who has accessed our service is appreciated and carefully considered. If you would like to provide us with some feedback or suggestions for how we can develop and improve our services, please feel free to contact us.

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## The Pre-school Language Group

## What is the Pre-school Language Group?

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The Pre-school Language Group (PSLG) is a provision offering intensive language support to pre-school children.

This is a joint initiative between the Education Department and Health and Social Services. The group is staffed by a teacher, a speech and language therapist and a learning support assistant.

The group is based within a mainstream school and provides 10 places for children in their nursery year. Children are reviewed on a termly basis and may leave the group if they have made significant progress.

The group operates term time only from 9.15am - 11.45am.

## How can my child access the PSLG?

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Your speech and language therapist is able to request that your child be considered for a place at the PSLG. They will ask you to sign a pre-school notification form which they will submit, along with a report summarizing your child's language needs, to the Special Educational Needs panel meeting. This meeting is held towards the end of each term.

You will receive a letter confirming the outcome of this meeting. If your child is offered a place at the PSLG you are more than welcome to visit the group before accepting the place.

If a place is not available for your child, they will remain under the care of the Speech and Language Therapy Department and may be reconsidered at the next meeting if it is felt that they still meet the criteria.

## How might the PSLG work with my child?

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The PSLG offers a complete nursery environment for your child.

Each session will comprise of:

- Whole group activities including language circle times
- Small group work
- 1:1 work with your child providing a more individualised programme of support focusing on individual language and communication needs

## What type of approaches do the PSLG use?

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- Regular assessment and observation
- Play based learning
- Totally child led curriculum
- Lots of opportunities for repetition and practice
- Advise other nursery settings, including transition support
- Frequent opportunities to share information with parents

## Can my child continue to attend their nursery placement?

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Children may also continue to attend their nursery placement in the afternoons if appropriate.