

**"We're all in this together"  
Speech, language and communication for children with  
Down syndrome in the Primary Phase**

*For staff working in all schools, including Teaching Assistants, Classroom Teachers,  
SENCO's, Support Teachers, Speech and Language Therapists and parents.*

**Led by:** Leela Baksi, specialist speech and language therapist, Symbol UK Ltd

A one day workshop for families and professionals supporting children with Down syndrome up to the age of 11, on understanding our children's communication profile and supporting them to develop their speech, language and communication skills. This day shares details of the profile of communication strengths and needs associated with DS, and recommended strategies to overcome difficulties and develop skills. We discuss setting up an individually tailored, supportive communication environment, and addressing specific aspects of speech, language and communication skills in everyday life and curriculum activities. It also provides an overview of approaches for speech and language therapy staff who are not familiar with recommendations regarding speech and language therapy for children who have Down syndrome.

This workshop considers establishing early language skills and using alternative means of communication as well as extending spoken language and addressing speech clarity.

Presentations include:

- ◆ Realising the communication potential of children who have Down syndrome: expert recommendations
- ◆ The profile of communication strengths and issues associated with Down syndrome.
- ◆ Supporting communication
- ◆ Social communication skills
- ◆ Language skills
- ◆ Eating and drinking skills: getting mouths ready for talking
- ◆ Learning and saying words

This course is best suited to those concerned with Down syndrome and if people are only looking for support with other diagnoses, this is not the right course.

**Date:** Thursday 22nd March, 2018, **Time:** 9.30 am to 4pm

**Venue:** St Albans Girls' School, Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans AL3 6DB

**Cost:** £25 for school and other professionals, £10 for parents and carers.

Places are limited so please book, by completing the tear off slip below and return with cheque to:  
DSPL Administration, c/o STAGS, Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans AL3 6DB

Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring your own lunch.

Please bring along any examples of pupils' work or resources that you would like to discuss. Previous participants have found it helpful if class teachers and Teaching Assistants attend this course together to ensure all are knowledgeable about issues and recommended strategies, and to facilitate planning together.

On site parking available in **Visitors Car Park** only please.



Name(s) of Attendee(s):

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For Schools - Name & Address:

OR

for Parent(s) - Address:

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