

## **Speech and Language Therapy at Brent Knoll**

### **What is Speech and Language Therapy?**

Speech and language therapy provides assessment, treatment, support and care for children and young people who have difficulties with communication, or with eating, drinking and swallowing. Speech and language therapists work with parents, carers and other professionals, such as teachers, nurses, occupational therapists and doctors. Speech and language therapy aims to maximise children's ability to communicate with others as well as feed safely when there are concerns regarding eating and drinking.

### **Who provides Speech and Language Therapy?**

Speech and Language Therapy services are provided by two NHS Speech and Language Therapists.



Mark Griffiths



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## **School Contacts**

The Speech and Language Therapy Service at the school is coordinated by Gaynor Eames (primary) and Paul Shaw (secondary).

## **How does Speech and Language Therapy work at Brent Knoll School?**

The Speech and Language Therapists work across both primary and secondary departments at Brent Knoll School. Within the Primary department, classes are supported on a half-termly basis and access support for 3 half terms over the academic year. Therapists work collaboratively with teaching staff and offer advice, assessment, strategies or interventions to small groups, individuals or the whole class. Within the Secondary department students are able to access half-termly intervention groups. Therapists also work collaboratively with teaching staff and can offer advice and support in the classroom through whole class learning sessions. In addition, the Speech and Language Therapists provide training for school staff as well as opportunities to link with parents in order to help understand and best meet the needs of the students together.

## **Useful websites:**

[www.communicationtrust.org.uk](http://www.communicationtrust.org.uk)

[www.ican.org.uk](http://www.ican.org.uk)

[www.afasic.org.uk](http://www.afasic.org.uk)

[www.talkinpoint.org.uk](http://www.talkinpoint.org.uk)

[www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)