

### Primary (5-11 years) 3 day course

Venue	Dates	Time
Peartree Spring Primary, Hydean Way, Stevenage SG2 9GG	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb & 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	10.00 to 4.00

### Primary (5-11 years) 3 day course

Venue	Dates	Time
South Hill Primary, Hemel	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb & 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2018	9.30 am to 4.00 pm

### Early Years (3-5 years) 10 week course

Venue	Dates	Time
QE11 Hospital, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 4HQ	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan to 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	2-4pm

### Early Years (3-5 years) 10 week course

Venue	Dates	Time
Peartree Spring Primary, Hydean Way, Stevenage SG2 9GG	25 <sup>th</sup> April to 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	10am to 12.00 pm

### FUNDING

**DSPL 8** will fund £200 for staff from any setting in DSPL 8 to attend any of these courses during the academic year 2017/2018.

**DSPL 7** will fund half the cost of the course for learners attending from schools within DSPL 7 (unless you have already got 1 teacher and 2 TAs trained.). They will also fund half the cost for 1 person per PVI setting.

**DSPL 2** will fund half of the cost for staff within DSPL 2 who wish to attend the Stevenage course

### What learners have said...

'This course has improved my knowledge and understanding of speech and language and has dramatically improved how I teach and I have already seen improvements from the children. I also work better with the SLT as we now have a common vocabulary.'

'I have noticed the child's confidence has developed, he is more eager to carry out tasks and is participating more during adult-led activities. Furthermore this simple change to practise has considerably improved his behaviour.'

'Very helpful, interesting and inspiring.'

'Lots of practical ideas to implement in class/school.'

### ELKLAN Training

Speech and Language Support



### 2017/2018 Courses

**A course for those working with children. It provides information and strategies to develop the communication skills of all children but especially those with speech, language and communication needs**

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Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Speech and Language Therapy Service is continuing to roll out the highly popular 'ELKLAN Speech and Language support' courses to schools in Hertfordshire.

ELKLAN courses offer accredited training to school staff to help them in supporting pupils with speech, language and communication needs. Students can opt to study at level 2 (equivalent to GCSE or NVQ 2) or 3 (equivalent to A-level or NVQ 3.) Successful learners gain 9 apt credit awards (on QCF so have national recognition.)

Each week, in addition to the 2 hours attending the taught session, learners are expected to spend:

-2 hours planning and implementing activities and tasks with children to complete portfolio assignments

- 1-2 hours writing up portfolio answers

- 3 hours talking about the course with a colleague, thinking, observing the communication skills of children with and without difficulties, background reading and reflecting on what they have learnt.

The e-portfolios are completed online and marked by the tutors. Feedback is provided each week. All students attending the course receive a Language Builders book which supports them through the course and is a

highly useful tool to refer back to in the future course of their work.

As a result of attending the training it is hoped that school staff will feel more confident in supporting children at the universal and targeted levels within school, freeing up Therapist time to support those with specialist Speech, Language and Communication needs.

Following the attendance of staff on the accredited level 3 course there is also the possibility that schools may choose to undertake further training to gain whole school '**Communication Friendly**' status in the future. There is a separate flyer with more information about this level 4 course.

ELKLAN courses have been taught to many students and experience has shown that the support they receive from their work place is very important in helping participants apply their new skills more effectively.

If your school is able to nominate itself as a venue for future courses, please indicate the preferred time of day i.e. morning, afternoon, twilight sessions and preferred term i.e. Spring, Summer or Autumn and we will contact you again when we are planning future courses. We regret we are unable to offer host schools 'free' places on the Elklan courses.

Most courses run for 10 sessions (2 hours per session). These may be weekly or fortnightly. We also offer some courses over 3 days (1 day per month.) Courses do not run during school holidays. The cost is **£300** per delegate per course, which includes accreditation fees and a Language Builders book.

We understand that some people may wish to attend the course but cannot commit the time to complete the portfolio and gain the accreditation. This may apply to some SENCOs who don't work directly with children but would like a general overview of the course. The cost for this would be **£150** per delegate, which includes the Language Builders book.

Each course is subject to a minimum number of 10 attendees and a maximum of 15 therefore a course may have to be postponed at short notice before its start date if expected attendee numbers are below 10.

To register staff on their chosen course, please email Abigail Bude, Speech and Language Therapist, the booking form with the names of staff wishing to attend and their chosen location.

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