



Hanley St Luke's C of E (Aided) Primary

18th July 2016

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

School Readiness Summer Group Getting ready to talk at school

You will be aware that we are working closely with the School Readiness Team and Miss Brown, our Speech Therapist, has been supporting school in developing speech and language for our children.

If you feel that your child has (in their first language)

- either a listening and attention delay
- a delay in speaking
- a delay in understanding of language

This group would be a great opportunity and a real benefit to support their development.

The courses will run at a few local children's centres in the area.

You, as parents/carers, will be required to stay for the first session but are free to leave your child for the next sessions as long as your child is settled. Parents are very welcome to stay.

Your child must be able to attend for the full week.

This group will:

- Develop early listening skills, such as eye contact and turn taking, as a foundation for language development.
- Develop shared interest and attention.
- Introduce vocabulary required for school.
- Develop your child's vocabulary, understanding and uses of language.
- To provide an opportunity for parents to gain ideas for how to promote early language skills at home.

I would urge you to take up this offer. It will allow your child to make brilliant progress in school and improve their life chances.

If you have any queries please call the school readiness speech and language team on 01782 234481.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher