

Parent Information Sheet

– School Entry Assessment Project

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's school is taking part in an important research project. This project is for children in their first year of school (Reception/Primary 1) and your child can take part with your consent.

Infant Language Link is an online package, used widely throughout the UK, to identify and support children with speech and language difficulties. It includes an online screening assessment to identify children who are having difficulty with their understanding of spoken language.

We, at Speech Link Multimedia Ltd, are completing this project to update and improve our assessment. The earlier children with difficulties are identified the better, so this project is really important for ensuring children in schools using the Infant Language Link package can make the best progress.

About the School Entry Assessment Project

Your child's school are helping us to improve our assessment by completing an updated version with their children.

We need children with lots of different levels of language ability to help with this project, from those that might need some support, to those that don't need any.

All children taking part will complete an online assessment, 1:1 with a member of staff. The assessment takes 15-20 minutes to complete. The child will hear a spoken sentence and then point to the picture they think matches the sentence. The school will be given results from the assessment that will show whether your child is having any difficulties with their understanding. The school will be able to share this information with you.

Some children will be seen by a speech and language therapist in school to complete some paper-based assessments. These are used to make sure our assessment is working accurately to identify children who need support.

Data Protection

To help us understand how well the assessment is working, we need to collect and process data on pupil characteristics. We will be asking for information relating to children's gender,



ethnicity and main parent/carer's level of education to ensure that the children who complete the project reflect the mix of families in the UK. We need this data to make sure the questions are suitable for all children. This information is not used for any other purposes.

All personal data will be kept confidential and processed in accordance with UK data protection legislation (UK GDPR).

Full details of the data that we will be collecting and processing, reasons for collecting it and how long we will keep it, can be found in our Privacy Notice

<https://speechandlanguage.link/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/privacy-notice-for-parents-school-entry-standardisation-project-2.pdf>. Please ask your child's school if you would like a paper copy of this Privacy Notice.

How can your child take part?

If you are happy for your child to take part in the project, please use this link: <https://school-entry-project.speechandlanguage.support/consent/169/aR41zR2fTg> or scan the QR code and complete the online form. Completion of this form adds your child's details to our secure website so that their school can complete our assessment with them.



If you would like to complete a paper consent form for your child to take part in the project, your school will be able to give you one to complete. They will then add your child's details to the assessment website.

If you do not want your child to be included in this project, you do not need to do anything. Your child will only be included in the project if you complete the form to provide your consent.

How can you find out more information?

If you would like more information about this project, you can contact the research team at Speech Link Multimedia Ltd at study@speechlink.co.uk or call 0333 577 0784.