Provision at St George's

Communication and Interaction: Speech, Language and Communication Needs

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How we adapt teaching to ensure access to the curriculum

- For children with language processing difficulties, they are supported using visual reminders or instructions may be written down.
 Teachers and teaching assistants will be mindful about how many instructions to present to the class in succession.
- Children with speech and language difficulties are encouraged to learn to read by recognising whole words alongside learning to read and spell using their phonological knowledge.
- Staff model correct uses of language by subtle repetition.
 Pupils are not expected to repeat the phrase using an adult's language.
- Children are pre-taught new vocabulary and topic words before they encounter them within the classroom.
- Children are encouraged to share their ideas with others within the classroom. They begin by talking about areas of interest to them and then they are encouraged to contribute within small group discussions. Once they are secure with sharing their ideas within a small group they are encouraged to share their ideas within the whole class.

How we provide support and intervention for those with identified needs

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