Communication Champions

What is a Communication Champion?

A Communication Champion is, unsurprisingly, a person who champions communication!

We know that school initiatives tend to work best where there is strong commitment from school leaders.

For students with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN), a whole-school approach, that is supported by staff who have had training in SLCN, will have maximum impact for your school. It's even better if you can get one of your governors to take a particular interest in the role of the Communication Champion, to raise the importance of communication across the full governing body.



A Communication Champion is someone who can:



- Help to support your school in identifying and supporting students with SLCN
- Providing Universal support and advice across your school
- Signpost members of your team and the wider community to further information about SLCN
- Plan, co-ordinate and carry-out targeted interventions
- Track progress
- Ensure SLCN is on your schools' agenda
- Keep a lookout for new ideas from other schools and opportunities to link and network with others



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A Graduated Response

Communication Champions ensure a Graduated Approach is being used to support students with SLCN

CC's may provide 1:1 support for students who have personalised targets

CC's identify students with SLCN through screening, observation and liaison with teachers, families and SALT.

Raise awareness of SLCN throughout school (e.g. assemblies, staff briefings, No Pens Day...) Specialist support

Evidenced interventions; small groups

Communication supportive classrooms

Trained teachers

CC's support referrals to specialist assessment with SALT

CC's run, organise and track progress for targeted and evidence based interventions.

CC's direct staff in school, and families/carers, to relevant training and resources.



WMSLT Support and Training for Communication Champions

Full training covering:

- Speech, Language and Communication Needs
- Screening Tools
- Specific intervention programmes

Enabling sessions with a named Speech and Language Therapist:

- Opportunities to work with a SALT, providing hands-on experience
- Demonstration sessions provided by SALT
- Q&A sessions

Opportunities to meet up with other Communication Champions in your area.



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