Admission

An admissions panel meets each term to decide on SSC placements. The panel consists of the Headteacher, SENCO, SSC Teacher, Speech and

Language therapist and a member of the SEND and Inclusion Advisory Team from West Sussex County Council.

Your child must be known to the Speech and Language Therapy Service in order to be considered for a placement.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact us.

Angie Stenning

SSC Teacher

Kasia Pelc

SSC Teaching Assistant

Mon-Weds

To be Appointed

Speech and Language Therapist

Emma Waller

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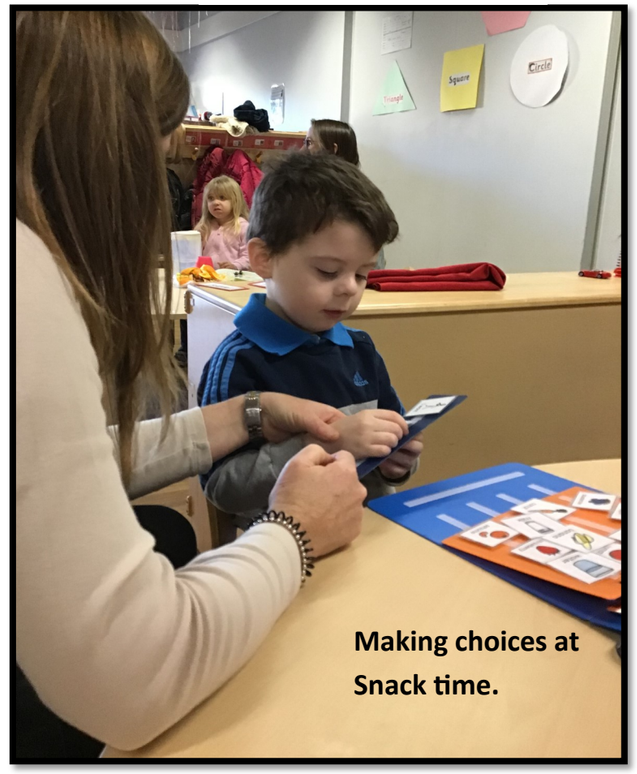

Making choices at Snack time.

Special Support Centre for children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs

The Special Support Centre (SSC)

The Special Support Centre is based within Horsham Nursery School, which is a maintained nursery school. The SSC is for children with specific, significant speech and language needs. Children may be offered a place in the SSC following a referral by a Speech and Language Therapist.

Children in the SSC receive support for a range of speech and language difficulties including:

- Understanding what people are saying (Receptive Language)
- Using spoken language (Expressive Language)
- Producing intelligible speech (Speech sound production)
- Attention and Listening skills (Attention and auditory skills)
- Interacting with adults and children (Social Communication)

Staffing

The SSC is staffed by:

- The teacher in charge
- 2 teaching assistants, one in the morning and one in the afternoon
- Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) (3 days a week)

Attendance

Children attend the SSC for five sessions each week. There are 16 places available. Eight in the morning and eight in the afternoon.

Morning sessions 9am -12pm

Afternoon sessions 1pm-4pm

Children who are eligible for 30 hours free entitlement, can attend the SSC, for 15 hours, any remaining hours can be applied for and offered in discussion with the Headteacher, these would be under the care of a mainsteam Key Carer and not in the SSC .

How we support children in the SSC

- When a place in the SSC has been agreed, you will be offered a home visit, which enables us to begin to develop positive relationships with staff.
- Your child's Speech and Language skills will be assessed by our Speech and Language Therapist.
- We will agree targets together with you and write an Individual Plan (IP) which we will review and update with you throughout the year.
- Majority of your child's day will be spent playing and learning in the mainstream nursery environment, supported by the SSC staff.

Group activities.

- Your child will receive support from the SSC team, individually or in small groups, in play or more structured sessions to work towards their targets.
- Your child may not always have direct therapy sessions with the SLT.
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- Visual support (e.g. timetable symbols) and Makaton signing are used to help support understanding and communication as well as a range of other interventions.

Playing games -

Roll, roll, roll you up like a sausage