



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to let you know that we have been chosen to take part in an exciting project which involves our school working closely alongside the Wye Valley NHS Trust Speech and Language Therapy Team to develop our speech and language provision.

When Reception children first join our school, we often find that communication and language is one of the lowest assessed areas. As this is a vital skill that underpins all aspects of children's learning and development, we place a strong emphasis on supporting it effectively. We currently have targeted interventions in place to help children develop their communication and language skills; however, waiting lists for specialist support can often be long. I am therefore very pleased to share that qualified practitioners will be coming into school for the next half term, enabling us to further strengthen the speech and language support we offer our children during this important time.

The Speech and language therapy team will complete baseline assessments on all of our Reception children. This will be done through a programme called the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI). Following the assessments, any children identified as needing additional support will receive this support in school, with information and advice being shared with parents too.

If for any reason you don't wish for your child to take part in this, please let us know by emailing [ktpadmin@kingstoneacademy.co.uk](mailto:ktpadmin@kingstoneacademy.co.uk) by no later than 10am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you are happy for your child to take part in this project.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,

Amy Preece  
Head of School