



Talk with Me Phase 2

Tell us what you think about our new plan for children's speech, language and communication



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How to share your views

You can share your views in different ways:



- **Fill in this booklet and post it to:**

Talk with Me
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- **Fill in this booklet and email it to:**

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About Talk with Me



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We are the **Early Years, Childcare and Play Division** of the Welsh Government.



Talk with Me is a programme we started in 2020.



It helps children aged 0 to 5 with their speech, language and communication.

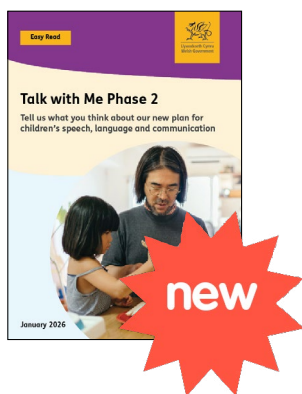
- **Speech** means how we say words.
- **Language** means the words we understand and use.
- **Communication** means sharing ideas, feelings and needs with others.



This programme has worked well over the last 5 years.



We now want to include children aged **5 to 11**.



This new plan is called **Talk with Me Phase 2**. The plan is for 2026 to 2030.



We want to know what you think about this new plan.



Please read this booklet and answer the questions. Send your answers to us by **Thursday 30 April 2026**.

About the new plan



1 in 5 children and young people have difficulties with speech, language and communication.



More than 1 in 10 have long-term needs. These affect their learning.



Around 3 in 10 of these children live in areas where families have less money and support.



Children in these areas are more likely to develop language more slowly.



Speech, language and communication affect many other parts of life, like learning and mental health.



Supporting children gives big benefits and does not cost much money.



This new plan is to make sure more children in Wales get the support they need.



Question 1. Do you agree that the name Talk with Me Phase 2 is OK?

This name is meant to include work with older children.

Strongly agree

Agree

Do not agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Do not know or no opinion

Please write your thoughts or suggested name changes here:

Our goals for the new plan

1. Tell more people about speech, language and communication



We want more families to understand why speech, language and communication are important.



We want families to know where and how to get support.

We will carry on:



- Running our campaign for children aged 0 to 5. We will focus on certain areas. For example, children in care.



- Working with Public Health Wales and others to make sure these issues are understood.

Some new things we will do are:



- Run a campaign to help people understand speech, language and communication development in children aged 5 to 11.



- Share clear information with staff through **Curriculum for Wales** resources.



- Share advice about screens and technology and how they affect communication.



Question 2. Do you agree that our plans in Goal 1 will help babies and children have better communication skills?

Strongly agree

Agree

Do not agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Do not know or no opinion

Please write any other comments here:

2. Spot speech, language and communication needs earlier



We want people who work with children to notice needs as early as possible.



This will help make sure children get:

- The support they need.
- In the right place.
- At the right time.



We want children to have their skills checked at the right time using the best ways.

We will carry on:



- Developing our programme called Prosiect Pengwin.

Some new things we will do are:



- Check how well schools look for speech, language and communication needs.



- Ask experts to look at the tools schools use to check children's speech, language and communication skills.



Question 3. Do you agree that our plans in Goal 2 will help babies and children get better support?

Strongly agree

Agree

Do not agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Do not know or no opinion

Please write any other comments here:

3. Make sure staff have the right tools and support



We want people who work with children to have good information and tools.



This will help children develop their speech, language and communication well.

We will carry on:



- Developing Prosiect Pengwin.



- Making sure children aged 0 to 5 can get the right support.

Some new things we will do are:



- Check what support children aged 5 to 11 get now.



- Find out what support works best for children aged 5 to 11.



Question 4. Do you agree that our plans in Goal 3 will improve the support children receive?

Strongly agree

Agree

Do not agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Do not know or no opinion

Please write any other comments here:

4. Make sure staff have the right training



We want people who work with children to get training that helps support children and families.



This means they will get better support from those close to them.

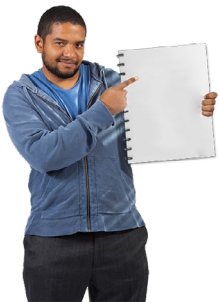


We want to check that training makes a real difference.

We will carry on:



- Updating the early years speech, language and communication training framework. This framework is a document that describes what training is available in Wales.



- Sharing the training framework for school aged children.



- Giving training for Health Visitors and those who support their work.



- Making sure more people know about the information and support we have.

Some new things we will do are:



- Look at ways to train more staff. For example, Health Visitors, Teachers and Social Workers.



- Work with Care Inspectorate Wales and Estyn to make training and information that supports them.



- Make online training for staff who work with children aged 5 to 11.



- Learn from other countries about what works well.



Question 5. Do you agree that our plans in Goal 4 will help staff notice and support speech, language and communication needs?

Strongly agree

Agree

Do not agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Do not know or no opinion

Please write any other comments here:

5.Prevent speech, language and communication issues developing



We want all children to get the support they need, wherever they live in Wales.



We want support to help prevent problems from developing later.

We will carry on:



- Supporting children's rights.



- Following advice about the best ways to work.



- Checking and updating speech, language and communication advice for Flying Start.



- Checking Talk with Me work.



- Supporting services to put speech, language and communication support in place.

Some new things we will do are:



- Work more closely with mental health services. This will help make sure speech, language and communication needs are understood.



- Work more closely with Additional Learning Needs services. This will help us understand their training needs.



- Work with staff who support children with reading and writing. Making sure they understand more about speech, language and communication.



- Work more closely with justice services, that help people with the law. This will help make sure people working in justice services understand speech, language and communication.



Question 6. Do you agree that our plans in Goal 5 will help children develop better communication skills?

Strongly agree

Agree

Do not agree or disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Do not know or no opinion

Please write any other comments here:

Other questions



Question 7. Do you think there should be any more goals in the plan?

Yes

No

Do not know or no opinion

If you answered yes, please write any other goals here:



Question 8. Do you think there should be any more new things for us to do in the plan?

Yes

No

Do not know or no opinion

If you answered yes, please write any other any other things to do here:



Question 9. Do you think this plan will affect the use of Welsh or if it is treated fairly?

Please share your views here:



Question 10. How could this plan support the use of Welsh?

Please write your ideas here:



Question 11. Could we make changes to the plan to support children's rights better?

Please write your ideas here:



Question 12. Do you have anything else to tell us about the plan?

Please write it here:

Your personal information



We will follow the law when you send us your personal information.



We will write a report about what people tell us about this plan.



We may share people's responses in a report. We will not include anyone's name in the report, unless you want us to.



For more information about how we keep your personal information safe, email: dataprotectionofficer@gov.wales

About you



Your name:



If you **do** want your name to be shared in the report with your response, please tick this box:



Organisation - if you are answering for one:



Email or phone number:



Your address - if you are responding by post:



Thank you for reading this booklet and sharing your views with us. Please remember to send us your answers by **Thursday 30 April 2026.**

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