



Heathwood Lower
School
Language Provision

Heathwood Language Provision:

- is one of 3 Language Provisions in Bedfordshire.
- is an integral part of Heathwood Lower School, which is a mainstream school for children aged 4 - 9 years.
- provides specialist support for pupils who have a Statement of Special Educational Need which identifies Speech and Language Difficulties as their primary need.
- is currently staffed by a full-time teacher, 2 full-time Nursery Nurses and 2 Speech and Language Therapists who work in the school for 1 day each per week.
- have staff with experience and skills which enable them to provide specialist support for pupils with speech and language difficulties.

Aims of the Language Provision are to :

- integrate Language Provision pupils fully into the mainstream setting.
- provide a facility that is well resourced with specialist materials and equipment.
- provide structured support to meet pupils' Speech and Language needs and enable them to reach their full potential.
- provide additional support :
 - a) within their own classroom
 - b) with some individual and small group work
 - c) to focus on specific speech and language targets
- provide a quiet environment for individual and group work.

Keeping in touch

Regular contact is made between parents and Language Provision Staff, including Speech and Language Therapists in the following ways:

- Home/school books are used as a means of communication between home and school.
- Coffee afternoons are arranged termly and provide the opportunity to discuss children's needs and meet parents of other Language Provision children
- Consultation evenings with parents are arranged termly
- Language provision staff will contact parents as necessary.
- Contact can also be made with Language Provision staff by phone

Monitoring Progress

- Annual reviews of statements are arranged to discuss progress and targets for the coming year.
- Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are discussed and updated / re-evaluated at termly meetings.
- Informal discussions take place as necessary.

Additional Information

- If Heathwood is outside their local school catchment area, children who are admitted to the Language Provision are entitled to transport provided by the LEA.

We hope you find this leaflet
informative.

Please contact the school if you need any
further information.