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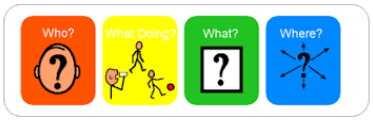
SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST

MY ROLE

I work as a Speech and Language Therapist in mainstream and special schools. These environments mean I work with a wide range of speech, language and communication needs including speech sound disorders, Developmental Language Disorder (DLD), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and many others. I work with children aged 4 - 15 years old so there is a lot of variety in the types of communication needs I work with.

My work requires a lot of joint working with Learning Support Assistants in school and I particularly enjoy demonstrating and training them in the use of various communication support strategies.

A DAY IN THE LIFE AT A SPECIAL SCHOOL



Morning

9:00 - 10:00
Year 7 classroom observation to gather information about the affect of students' communication needs on their learning.
Discuss appropriate support strategies with staff.

10:00 - 11:00
See students one-to-one to review their progress with their speech and language targets.

11:00 - 12:30
Call parents to give feedback and write up notes from the morning.

Afternoon

13:00 - 14:00
Visit students in the school's Support Centre and carry out Colourful Semantics demonstration with an LSA.

14:00 - 15:00
Meeting with Pastoral Manager about supporting a student who is struggling to express their emotions and understand social situations.

15:00 - 16:30
Give workshop to school staff on how to use Intensive Interaction approaches with their students.