

We aim to :

- support transition into school
- work in partnership with parents/carers and other professionals such as nursery staff
- use visual aids to support understanding and communication
- encourage understanding and use of language; develop choice-making and social play.



We very much look forward to having your child with us in our group!

MEET THE TEAM

Rob Bell

Speech and Language Therapist

Sue Wardale

Early Years Lead Practitioner for
Language & Communication

Claire White

Nursery Nurse

Tamara West

CDC Group Coordinator

CDC Talk Talk Group is led by the Early Years Lead Practitioner for Language & Communication in collaboration with the Speech and Language Therapist and experienced staff.

It is essential that you let us know if you are unable to attend a session for any reason.

Contact us on:

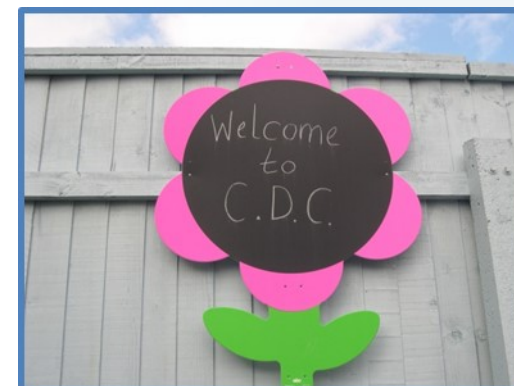
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CDC Talk Talk Group

Speech and Language Therapy
and Education

Child Development Centre
Ross Road; Hereford; HR2 7RL

An introduction to Talk Talk Group



At the Child
Development Centre,
Ross Road, Hereford



Your child has been offered a place on the CDC Talk Talk Group because he or she needs additional support to develop their speech, language and communication.

Talk talk group is a small, **fun**, friendly group designed to improve children's language and communication and support their interactions with others. Our experienced staff help the children to meet their personal speech and language targets through play and structured, motivating activities. There are opportunities for small group activities & 1:1 support from the Speech & Language Therapist & child's key person.

We support many different areas of communication such as listening, looking, understanding, use of language & speech sound development. We share targets and strategies with parents/ carers, professionals, nurseries and others, so that they can help by providing appropriate support.

We offer a communication friendly environment with lots of visual support, using photos, symbols & sign to aid communication & understanding. We encourage choice-making and promote opportunities to develop social play.

Settling-in session

You will be invited to a settling-in session before the first group to give you and your child opportunity to meet staff and find out what's involved. You will be shown around the group room, get a chance to explore the toys and be free to ask staff any questions you may have.

Parents/carers commit to:

- attend as many group sessions as possible & contact staff if unable to attend for any reason.
- support their child at home, guided by our staff –sharing information and strategies with your childcare setting and encouraging your child's keyperson to visit Talk Talk group and attend review meetings.



- attending review and transition meetings, where you, our staff and other professionals involved with the child can discuss progress and identify 'next steps'
- attending relevant training opportunities (where these are offered) in order to better support your child's progress.

When and where ?

Your child will attend CDC Talk Talk Group in the Play Room at the Child Development Centre **twice a week:**

- **Monday morning** 09.30 - 11.30am, **AND**
- **Wednesday afternoon** 13.00 - 15:00pm

...during term time only

FAQs

Do parents/carers attend too?

You are welcome to stay with your child for some of the first sessions, but once settled the children will attend independently. We often invite parents/ carers to come to sessions during the term to observe strategies and activities.

Nappies and toileting?

We ask that all children bring a 'change bag' with named spare clothes, and, if required, with nappies/pull-ups and wipes.

Dress

We recommend casual, comfortable clothing - during group sessions we often play outside and engage in messy play. We also ask parents supply a sun hat for good weather and apply sun cream to their child's skin before attending group.

Food and drink

We are currently unable to provide a snack during group due to Covid related restrictions & request that parents/carers send their child with a choice of two snacks and a drink—please let staff know if your child has any allergies or dietary preferences/ requirements. No Nuts/nut products please.

