

Developmental language disorder

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is a lifelong condition that affects around 2 children in every classroom of 30 in the UK. DLD is diagnosed by a speech and language therapist. Children with DLD have long-term difficulties with understanding and/or using language, which can make everyday communication and learning harder. These difficulties are not caused by another condition such as hearing loss or autism.

Children with DLD often have lots of ideas but may struggle to express them or understand what others are saying. It is a common but often “hidden” difficulty, meaning many children go unrecognised.

Signs and symptoms

- Finds it hard to understand instructions or needs things repeated
- Talks in shorter or less clear sentences than other children their age
- Struggles to explain things or tell stories clearly
- May seem not to listen, but is finding language hard to process
- Gets frustrated or avoids talking/social situations
- Finds reading and spelling difficult

If you have concerns about your child’s speech, language, or communication, please do get in touch with me or your child’s class teacher.

Early support can make a big difference.



Further information can be also be found [here](#)



Joyful June Action for Happiness

This month encourages children and families to do simple things that boost joy! From spending time outdoors, connecting with others to spreading kindness.

There’s some lovely ideas to make June joyful for everyone!

Useful links

Please see below for agencies and details of further support available to families.

- [Gretton SEND Information report](#) – outlines how we support children with SEND at Gretton
- [SENDiass](#) provide information, advice and support on matters relating to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. The service is offered to parents and carers of children and young people aged between 0 and 25 years old.
- [Early Help](#) – provide further details about support for families including parenting courses
- [Gloucestershire families directory](#) - The Service offers a wide range of information to support families, children and young people from 0 – 19 years of age (25 for young people with additional needs) They can also provide information on family support, tax credits, benefits, funding and much, much more.
- [Gloucestershire County Council SEND](#) – details about EHCPs, webinars and alternate provision