

Difficulties children/young people may experience

Difficulty	Child/young person shows difficulty in:	Child/young person may show or have:
Receptive Language Difficulty	Listening Attention skills Understanding spoken language	Lack of interest in lessons Negative/disruptive behaviour
Expressive Language Difficulty	Conveying information in speech Writing Sign language or gestures	Not use correct grammar May produce very short phrases and sentences May have a small vocabulary May have limited eye contact Limited natural gestures Limited facial expressions
Pragmatic/Social Communication Difficulty	Use of social language and social rules of conversation Making and maintaining friendships Understanding of others feelings/emotions Inference Using non-verbal communication such as eye contact or facial expressions Sensory integration Staying on topic in conversations	Lack of interaction in lessons Lack of interest in peers
Speech Sound Difficulty	Co-ordination of the tongue, lips and palate Hearing	A family history of difficulties Delayed language development Additional diagnosed difficulties e.g. Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia, Down Syndrome etc.