

**Where and when**

Drop-ins are held every Wednesday during term-time.

They rotate between the following locations:

**Harrogate Town Childrens Centre**
Wetherby Road
Harrogate
HG2 7SG

Tel: 01609 533855.

Session Time – 9.30 – 11.30am

**Harrogate West Children’s Centre**

Saltergate School

Newby Crescent

Harrogate

HG3 2TT.

Tel: 01609 798752

Session Time – 1.00 – 2.30pm

**Knaresborough children's Centre**Manor Road
Knaresborough
North Yorkshire
HG5 0BN

Tel: 01609 533855

Session Time – 9.30 – 11.30am

**Ripon Library**

The Arcade

Ripon

HG4 1AG

Tel: 01765 604799

Session Time – 9.30 – 11.30am

To find the date and time of your next drop-in please visit our website (see overleaf) or contact the children’s centre.

### How to Contact us

**By Post**

Speech and Language Therapy

Child Development Centre

Strayside Wing

Harrogate District Hospital

Lancaster Park Road

Harrogate

HG2 7SX

**By phone**

01423 553122

**By Email**

Speech.therapy@hdft.nhs.uk

**Website**

[www.hdft.nhs.uk](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk)

(search for ‘speech and language therapy’ then select ‘Harrogate District Hospital Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy Department).

Specialist Children’s Services

Harrogate and District

**Information for parents and carers**

# Speech and Language Therapy Service

# Preschool

# Drop-in

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**Who can go to drop-in?**

Drop-ins are open and informal play based sessions where other children and parents will be present.

When families arrive they will be greeted and asked to go a waiting area. Children are free to play whilst parents complete a short questionnaire about their child.

No more than two families can be seen at a time in the drop-in room by the Speech and Language Therapists. Some drop-ins are very busy which means you may be asked to wait. A maximum of 12 families can be seen per session. If numbers exceed this then you may be asked to return to the next convenient drop-in.

The Speech and Language Therapist will talk to you about your concerns whilst your child is observed playing with the Speech and Language Therapy Assistant, or in a small group with other children.

We will assess your child’s individual needs, through observation, play and/or assessment talk to you about any difficulties or concerns identified.

If you have any concerns about your child’s speech and language development please visit one of our ‘Drop-In’ Sessions.

We cannot see feeding problems at drop-in. Please discuss these with your health visitor who will refer on to the appropriate service as necessary.

### Why go to a drop-in?

Pre-school children who have a GP in Harrogate, Knaresborough or Ripon.

**Who will you meet?**

The sessions are run by Speech and Language Therapists and a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant. They will be able to chat to you about any concerns you may have about your child’s communication development.

There may also be speech and language therapy students running the session, or students from other health professions observing.

You may also meet support staff from the Children’s Centre who will be able to give you information about groups provided by the children’s centres which will support your child’s communication development.

During the session:

* You will be given general advice and suggestions about how to help your child’s communication development.
* You will be given handouts to take home and share with your family and nursery.
* The Speech and Language Therapist / Assistant will demonstrate strategies to encourage and develop your child’s communication development.
* You will have chance to talk to Children’s Centre staff, and book onto groups to support your child’s communication development.

After the session:

* You may be asked to return to a future drop-in to monitor progress.
* You may be referred to the Speech and Language Therapy service if necessary.
* You may be referred to a group at the Children’s Centre which targets speech or language development.
* You may be referred onto other appropriate health or education services.

**What help will my child receive?**

### What to expect