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Speech Pathology Therapy

A Guide for Parents and Students

Aims

Speech Therapy services aim to support students in their academic and social development. It seeks to improve communication, both written and verbal, in a number of different environments. It helps students engage in the world God has created and have greater involvement in their community.

Benefits of **Speech Therapy**

> Encourages greater involvement in classroom activities.
> Improves written and verbal communication
> Encourages a love of learning
> Helps students follow instructions.
> Helps a child's self esteem

Location

Sessions take place in various locations around the school. Students will be notified by their therapist at the beginning of the year regarding the location of their session.

Therapist

Mrs Tamara Salaun has worked for Learning Links in Peakhurst for the past 9 years. She is a member of Moorebank Hammondville Anglican Church where she worships with her husband, David Salaun and their three young boys. As an ex-student of Shire Christian School, she has a love for Christian Education.

Student Commitments

> Students must practice. Parents should ensure a set routine of practice is encouraged and established.

> Students must behave appropriately in all session and complete all tasks to the best of their ability.

Communication

Each week the therapist will provide email feedback to the parents on the current goals and progress. Therapists are able to be contacted via email during the week.

Reporting

Each student will receive a written report at the end of six months of therapy outlining current goals and progress.

Learning Links Speech Therapy Fees

Speech Therapy (30 mins)	$145
Learning Links Membership Fee (once per year)	$20
Cancellation Fee (one per term)	$50
NDIS Funded Speech Therapy (30 mins)	$145
Standard Communication Assessment	$695

Payment Method

Preferred payment method via Debit Debit (Bank transfer or Credit Card). However other options are available if necessary in consultation with Learning Links.

Membership

Parents are encouraged to become members of Learning Links by paying an annual parent membership fee of $20 (including GST) at your child's first session. Membership entitles you to the member fees quoted at the time of booking, non-member fees are 10% higher each week. Membership must be paid on the first session for the reduced fees to apply.

Payment Difficulties

Parents and/or Guardians are required to contact Learning Links immediately if they are experiencing difficulty with the payment of fees. If your account is in arrears by two (2) weeks, your child's continued enrolment with Learning Links will be jeopardised.

All Learning Links therapists are registered with the major health funds and are able to complete the Chronic Disease Management Plan Session (5 rebated sessions from Medicare as given by your General Practitioner).

Cancellation/Rescheduling of Sessions

In order to reschedule or cancel a session and receive a make-up session, credit or refund, the following must occur:

- If any activities arise causing the student to miss a session, the student must notify the Speech Pathologist at least one week in advance. These include excursions, camps, appointments that may be out of school but may affect your session time. School-based activities such as excursions are known several weeks in advance, so there is no excuse for the student being unable to notify the therapist in time.
- If you are unable to attend your booked session for any reason, once per term for missed sessions you will receive a cancellation fee of $50. All other missed sessions will be at full cost of $145. Our customer service staff will apply the cancellation fee to the first absence each term unless you have advised otherwise. Please note that cancellation fees cannot be carried forward to another term.
- In the case of illness, the Speech Pathologist must be notified of the absence by 8.30am on the day of the session (or earlier if possible). A session missed due to illness does not qualify to be made up. If the illness is long term, alternative arrangements can be made.

If the session is cancelled by the teacher, the session will be rescheduled or the fee credited or refunded at the discretion of the Pathologist.

Lateness

By the student: if a student is late, the session cannot be extended to make up this time, since other students will be inconvenienced. By the teacher: if a teacher is late for a session, this time will be made up at a later date.

Leaving Service

Parents are required to provide two weeks' written notice before their child exits a program. If two weeks' notice is not provided, parents will be billed for two additional sessions following the last session. In the event of two (2) unexplained consecutive absences, Learning Links will contact the family to determine if the service is still required. Please note that the cancellation fees cannot be used in lieu of the two weeks' notice period.

Individual Sessions

By the student: if a student is late, the session cannot be extended to make up this time, since other students will be inconvenienced. By the teacher: if a teacher is late for a session, this time will be made up at a later date.

Payment Difficulties

Parents and/or Guardians are required to contact the Manager immediately if they are experiencing difficulty with the payment of fees. If your account is in arrears by two (2) weeks, your child's continued enrolment with Learning Links will be jeopardised.

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Enrolment Form:
Peripatetic Speech Therapy Program

Student Name _____ Class _____

Date of Birth _____

Contact Details

Address _____

Postcode _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Preferred Session Time

Concerns _____

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I have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Peripatetic Speech Therapy Program.

Parent's signature:

I understand my responsibilities in undertaking these sessions and agree to do my best to uphold the School's expectation of me.

Student's signature:

Mrs Tamara Salaun **Email:** tsalaun@learninglinks.org.au

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