Lida Willingale About Me



I have a First Class BSc (Honours) in Psychology and an MSc in Speech and Language Sciences.

Having over 15 years experience of working with paediatric speech and language issues, I have worked within the NHS gaining experience

across a range of settings including special schools with children with severe and complex and/or profound & multiple learning disabilities, Broomhill Bank secondary school with students with communication disorders from 11-19 years old, and within community and mainstream settings. I have continued to work with children in preschool and mainstream primary (2 to 11 years) settings supporting students with a range of speech, language and communication difficulties including those with; Autism Spectrum Conditions (ASC), Dyspraxia, speech sound delays/disorders, speech and language delays/disorders, Down Syndrome & ADHD.

Throughout my time working I have developed strong links within education and specialist teaching services. I am now fully private working 3.5 days per week during term times, having just recently left the NHS. I have special interests in both dysfluency and ASC. I am a strong advocate of holistic and total communication approaches to support needs. I also have a keen interest in supervising and supporting student therapists

I am a member of both the Health and Social Care Professions Council (HCPC) and the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT) and Association of Speech and Language Therapists in Independent Practice (ASLTIP).

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What do I do?

"The ability to communicate is an essential skill for all children and young people and it underpins a child's social, emotional and educational development" (Bercow Report, 2008).

I can help your child with;

- Auditory memory (remembering and processing information)
- Playing
- Understanding spoken words
- Learning to speak and use words and sentences
- Speech sounds (pronunciation / articulation)
- Sequencing and telling stories
- Stammering and fluency
- Voice issues
- Social communication skills (interacting , playing and communicating effectively with adults and peers)

You may already know what areas your child would benefit from further help with, but I can also advise you on assessment or therapy options. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email or call me to discuss further.

I can also sign post to other agencies who may be able to help your child.

What can I offer?

Once you have decided to seek further speech and language assessment or therapy I like to liaise with yourself and/or the educational setting your child attends to arrange a convenient time for assessment of your child. This can be at home or within the educational setting and will involve;

- Discussion with parents/carers re areas of strength and concerns, with a full background history etc.
- Discussion with nurseries (where appropriate) and any other agencies involved
- One-to-one assessment with your child (formal and informal)
- Observational assessment in normal communication exchanges
- Feedback meeting on findings and general recommendations.
- I will provide a full report unless otherwise requested.

So what next....?

If therapy is required I am able to offer this at home working collaboratively with yourself to maximise the chances of carry over of skills and progress being made. A targeted therapy program will be individually tailored to ensure your child is successfully meeting their potential. This may consist of;

- One-to-one therapy with your child
- Working with parents/carers to develop your skills to support your child's language and speech skills
- Supporting in nurseries/child care settings
- Production of resources / sign posting to commercially available resources
- Training for staff or parents as appropriate

Services & Prices

Assessment

Pronunciation	30 mins - 1.5 hours	£150
Fluency	1-2 hours	£150
Language	1.5 - 2 hours	£150-£200
Social Communication 1.5 - 3 hours		£200-£250

All prices are inclusive of a short summary of needs. If you require a full report then this is an additional charge based on my hourly rate. All times are an approximation and times/prices will be discussed in advance, however If this changes as assessment progresses I will agree this with you before continuing.

Therapy

Therapy sessions 45 to 60 minutes	£70
Mini therapy session 30 minutes	£35
Treatment program / resources	£70 per hour
Other administration (letters, referrals)	£70 per hour

Don't just take my word!

"Many thanks indeed for all your help with S over the summer...We've been really happy with all you have taught us" (Parent)

"I've had wonderful feedback from X's mum who was so appreciative of the way you worked with X and how comfortable she felt talking to you" (SENCO)