

## School Services

Talking Matters speech pathologists and occupational therapists currently provide visiting services to many schools in the northern suburbs and the Barossa Valley. If your child would benefit from services at school you can call on us to be of assistance.

Your child may be able to have regular speech or occupational therapy services at school and we will work with you and the school to find the best possible options.

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact our office on 8255 7137.

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**Helping your child reach their potential**

## What will happen in the assessment session at the office?

*\*Initial assessments are usually completed at the office where we have more assessment resources.*



When you come along to your first appointment the following things will happen:

- You will have the chance to explain your concerns and the speech pathologist or occupational therapist will ask you some questions about your child.
- Your child will complete some testing to determine their strengths and areas of need.
- The results of the testing will be discussed with parents and recommendations will be made. The therapist will explain options for therapy if needed, including the option for a school based service.
- Approximately 2 weeks later you will be provided with a written report and recommendations.
- An individual program can be provided for those children who have someone else who will also be working with them.

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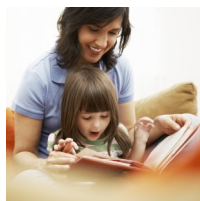
**Services at school or preschool help children where they learn. Therapists can also talk to teachers about students learning needs.**

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## How can we help you?

Talking Matters has speech pathologists and occupational therapists who provide families with opportunities to help their children reach their potential. Offering families the opportunity to:

- have regular therapy
- decide not to wait on long public lists
- develop an ongoing relationship with a clinician who cares about your family
- have coordinated services.



### School based services offer:

- convenience for working parents
- less time out of school for appointments
- professional support provided directly to your child's educators in your child's natural learning environment.

## Government Initiatives

We are registered providers with Medicare and are providers under the NDIA. For further information please visit our website at:

[www.talkingmatters.com.au](http://www.talkingmatters.com.au)

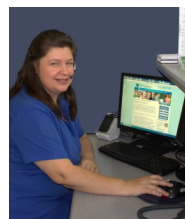
## Does my child need to be seen?

Communication difficulties take many forms. Speech or occupational therapy services may be needed if your child has difficulties with learning, including:

- Saying sounds or words incorrectly.
- Following directions, listening or understanding.
- Clearly explaining their thoughts and feelings
- Difficulties with fine motor activities like writing, colouring or cutting.
- Appearing clumsy or uncoordinated.
- Difficulty learning to read, spell or write a story.
- Challenges developing social skills and the ability to get along with others.
- Being able to concentrate in noisy, busy or distracting environments.
- Not feeling calm and ready to concentrate for learning.

## Appointments

Making an appointment to get started is easy. Call us for an initial consultation on Ph 8255 7137 and we will make a time for you to come in for your first appointment.



## Initial assessments

An initial assessment is required before starting therapy. This assessment generally occurs in the Talking Matters Office. This allows staff to better understand your child's needs and plan the best support for your child.

## Investment

Our current rates are all detailed on the Talking Matters website at [www.talkingmatters.com.au](http://www.talkingmatters.com.au)

There are a number of options available that may support families with the cost of therapy, such as referrals from GPs if eligible, private health & NDIA programs.

Details of the various funding options are also located on the website under the 'Funding' tab.

## Cancellations

To avoid cancellation fees, please provide at least 24 hours notice to cancel or change therapy sessions, and 48 hours for assessments.

\* please note that repeated cancellations may result in appointment times being forfeited.