

## **Communication and Language - Intent**

At Davyhulme Primary School we believe that Speech, language and communication skills are crucial to young children's overall development. Being able to speak clearly and process speech sounds, to understand others, to express ideas and interact with others are fundamental building blocks for a child's development.

Our Early Years environments are designed to develop Children's speaking and listening skills.

To achieve this, practitioners speak clearly and calmly, using age appropriate language for explanations but also exposing children to ambitious vocabulary through teaching opportunities. Practitioners repeat sentences back to children, replacing their mistakes with corrections or expanding on the words they have used.

During our Baseline assessments all children are screened using WELLCOMM, this is then used to provide interventions for Children to require it. Several practitioners are trained in NELI and we have recently been selected to take part in a NELI-N trial.

We encourage children to become confident speakers and listeners by the end of their Early Years journey.