



## TalkBoost—SAVE THE DATES!

### NEWSFLASH!

The LSAT team having been working with our colleagues in the Shropshire Community Health Trust to explore how we can work together to support schools with SLCN provision and as a result are planning to offer 'ICAN TalkBoost KS1' training to schools before Easter.

Following some funding bids, we are hoping to be in a position to be able to offer this **free of charge** to all Infant, Junior and Primary schools in Telford and Shropshire.

#### What is TalkBoost KS1?

Talk Boost KS1 is a targeted intervention for 4-7 year old children with language that is delayed, including children in Reception classes. The programme is delivered in primary schools by classroom teachers and teaching assistants and provides a structured programme that boosts children's progress in language and communication by an average of 9 - 18 months after a ten week intervention.

*'Is it TalkBoost today? I like doing Talk Boost!'*

Y1 pupil, a Telford Primary School

#### Why should you sign up?

As previously communicated, The Speech and Language Therapy team are moving towards a graduated response model which, for some children, will involve collating evidence of having implemented one of the recognised screening and intervention tools prior to referral:

<https://www.shropscommunityhealth.nhs.uk/chslt-screening-tools>

Being able to deliver TalkBoost KS1 in your school will enable you to evidence your graduated response.

*'I am constantly asked by children when I walk past them, "is it TalkBoost today?"'*

TA from a Telford Primary School delivering TalkBoost to year 2 pupils

*'I can't believe how well it works!'*

TA from a Telford Primary School, delivering TalkBoost to Y1 pupils



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### What's included?

- One pack of resources (RRP £500).
- A full day of online training for 2 members of staff (this should be a Foundation Stage or KS1 class teacher and a TA who will be overseeing and delivering the intervention together)

### When is it?

The training is planned for **Thursday 24th March**—this will be a full day, via Microsoft Teams.

### How do I sign up?

We are currently awaiting confirmation of funding. For now, please save the date and identify members of staff in your school to attend the training. Further details of how to book will be coming out shortly.

### What about Early Years, KS2 and KS3/4?

- As a Junior school, you can sign up for the TalkBoost KS1 free training if you feel it will be beneficial.
- There are further plans for delivery of other ICAN SLCN programmes, please watch this space.
- Put Wednesday 27th April in your diary as a potential date for TalkBoost KS2 training (NB: there is as yet no funding agreed for this so it may incur a charge)

### I have questions—who do I contact?

Please contact LSAT Team lead Sarah Court: [sarah.court@telford.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.court@telford.gov.uk)

*'The staff have really enjoyed delivering the TalkBoost programme - it is well structured, easy to follow and beautifully resourced. The children have been engaged throughout and have made considerable progress from their baseline assessments '.*

SENDCo, a Telford Primary School