

2026 - 2027

SLT TRAINING

PROGRAMME

Booking Platform:

<https://forms.office.com/e/p3RL739LZ9>



Charges:

Parent/Carers – Free to attend

Educational Professional - £40 per person charge applicable. Discounts may apply on some courses, please speak to your link SLT for further information.

Please note Makaton Level 1 & Level 2 are charged at £70 per person, per course.



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Makaton Taster

**Delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists
For Parent/Carers**

Who is this course for:

This is a 1.5 hour course aimed at parents and carers who are working with children who use Makaton signs and symbols.

By the end of the course you will:

Describe the purpose and benefits of using Makaton.

Use 34 concepts in symbols and signs from the Makaton Core Vocabulary.

Use a further 12 concepts in symbols and signs relevant to their own environment and needs.

You will also know how to access further information and training.



For Professionals:

If you are an Educational Professional, you can access Makaton Taster sessions by attending external training course (Not run by LSCFT SLT). You can find more information of external courses and how to apply :

[Find Training \(makaton.org\)](https://www.makaton.org/training)

Or

[https://www.elklan.co.uk/Training/Practitioners/Makaton Taster Session](https://www.elklan.co.uk/Training/Practitioners/Makaton_Taster_Session)

1st October 2026

9th November 2026

13th January 2027

2nd March 2027

28th April 2027

2nd July 2027

**1.5 Hours via
MS Teams**



Makaton Level 1

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:

This course is delivered over 2 sessions (1 week apart) and is aimed at parents/carers that support children who use Makaton signs and symbols.

This course is also suitable for professionals who are going to use Makaton on a regular basis.

This is a beginners course and no previous training is necessary, However, we would recommend our Makaton Taster course is attended in the first instance.

By the end of the course you will:

Have a full and practical introduction into using knowledge of Makaton signs and symbols in Stages 1 – 2 and the additional vocabulary.

Have a nationally recognised certificate and can go on to attend Level 2 and 3 Workshops.

The course includes time for the participants to practice signing and to reflect on how to introduce these skills to an individual or environment.

Day 1
14th October 2026
26th November 2026
18th January 2027
9th March 2027
20th May 2027
7th July 2027

Day 2
21st October 2026
3rd December 2026
25th January 2027
16th March 2027
27th May 2027
14th July 2027

**Cost
£70**

**2 Sessions at 3.5 Hours each
via MS Teams**



Makaton Level 2

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:

This course is delivered over 2 sessions (1 week apart) and is aimed at parents and carers who have already attended Makaton Level 1, who are supporting children that use Makaton signs and symbols.

This course is also suitable for professionals who are going to use Makaton on a regular basis who have already attended Makaton Level 1.

By the end of the course you will:

Have a full and practical introduction into using knowledge of Makaton signs and symbols in Stages 3– 4 and the additional vocabulary.

Have a nationally recognised certificate and can go on to the Makaton Level 3 workshop which would cover signs from stage 5-8.

The course includes time for the participants to practice signing and to reflect on how to introduce these skills to an individual or environment.



Cost
£70

Day 1	Day 2
3rd February 2027	10th February 2027
17th June 2027	24th June 2027

2 Sessions at 3.5 Hours
each via MS Teams



Adapting the Environment To Support Understanding

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:

Teachers/Support Workers/Teaching Assistants/Parents/Carers supporting pre-school, primary and/or secondary aged children

By the end of the course you will:

Understand why it is sometimes necessary to make adaptations to the environment in order to help children with their understanding.

Understand what adaptations are appropriate for children of different communication abilities and ages.

Virtual

25th September 2026

18th November 2026

23rd February 2027

15th April 2027

14th June 2027

Cost
£40

1 Hour via
MS Teams



Communication in Autism

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:

Parents of and professionals working with children who have a diagnosis of autism

By the end of the course you will:

Have an understanding of the theory of autism

Have an understanding of some specific strategies used with children with autism

**Cost
£40**



4th September 2026

7th December 2026

12th March 2027

30th June 2027

**1.5 Hours via
MS Teams**

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Communication Partner Training for children using AAC

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

Parents, Carers, Staff in nurseries and schools supporting children who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) systems to express themselves

AIMS OF THE COURSE

An overview of AAC systems available.

Understand **your** child's communication through AAC considering; means (how), reasons (why) and opportunities (environment).

Understand the importance of your role as a communication partner using an Aided Language Stimulation (ALS) approach.

Top tips and strategies to support your child to develop their communication skills using their AAC system

Knowledge of websites, useful resources and any support groups.

Understand the evidence base behind AAC and how it can help with language development.



**Cost
£40**

Virtual

15th September 2026

11th December 2026

22nd March 2027

9th June 2027

**2 Hours via
MS Teams**

Early Years - Help Your Child to Communicate

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:

Parents, Carers, Staff in nurseries, early years settings and foundation stage supporting a range of children from pre-verbal to those that are understanding and using 1-2 words

AIMS OF THE COURSE

An overview of pre-intentional communication, intentional communication and the communication stages.

An awareness of the how and why of communication.

An introduction to the parent-child interaction strategies to use at home or in the educational setting.

Knowledge of websites, useful resources and any support groups.



**Cost
£40**

17th September 2026

26th February 2027

29th June 2027

**2 Hours via
MS Teams**

Gestalt Language Development

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:

Parents/Carers

Staff in nurseries and schools supporting pre-school, primary and/or secondary aged children.

By the end of the course you will:

Have a greater understanding what gestalt language development is.

Understand the difference between analytical and gestalt language development.

Have an greater understanding of how to identify a gestalt language processor (GLP).

Feel ready to use strategies to support a child who is a GLP.



**Cost
£40**

15th September 2026

5th November 2026

8th January 2027

24th March 2027

14th May 2027

19th July 2027

**1 Hour via
MS Teams**



Sharing Interactions

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:
Parents/Carers

Staff in nurseries and schools supporting pre-school, primary and/or secondary aged children.

By the end of the course you will:
Have a greater understanding about what we mean by “sharing interactions”.

Understand what the strategies look like and who they can be used with.

Feel ready to use the ideas you have seen on the training with your child/ the child you support.

Cost
£40



11th September 2026

24th November 2026

27th January 2027

19th April 2027

6th May 2027

13th July 2027

1 Hour via
MS Teams



Social Communication Workshop

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:

Parents and staff from Early Years Foundation Stage settings or parents and staff of children who are non/minimally verbal

By the end of the course you will:

Understand why children are having difficulty understanding language.

Understand why children are having difficulty using language and Communication.

Understand why children are having difficulty interacting with others.

Understand strategies to help with these difficulties.

Cost £40



2nd September 2026

13th November 2026

5th January 2027

18th March 2027

10th May 2027

9th July 2027

**1 Hour via
MS Teams**



Supporting A Child Who Stammers

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:

Teachers, SENCOs, Teaching Assistants working with children who stammer

Parents and carers of children who stammer

By the end of the course you will:

Understand what stammering is – what we know – dispelling the myths.

Know what you can do to help and understand how people in a child's environment can have a huge positive impact on how a child copes with their Stammer.

Understand stammering from a child's perspective.

Have opportunities for discussion and asking questions.

Know where to access relevant and useful information and resources.



Picture source: Stamma.org

**Cost
£40**

21st September 2026

15th December 2026

4th March 2027

11th June 2027

**1 Hour via
MS Teams**

Supporting a child with Developmental Language Disorder

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:

For parents of and professionals working with children and young people with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD).

By the end of the course you will:

An understanding of the label “Developmental Language Disorder” (DLD) and what that means for you and your child.

Have an understanding of some of the strategies and techniques that could work for your child.

**Cost
£40**



12th October 2026

12th February 2027

25th May 2027

**1.5 Hours via
MS Teams**

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Supporting Children with Speech Sound Difficulties

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:

Teachers and Teaching Assistants of pre-school (3+) and Key Stage 1 children who have delayed or disordered speech

By the end of the course you will :

Understand how speech sounds develop including typical and atypical development.

Understand how to support children with speech sound difficulties.



Cost
£40

9th October 2026

1st February 2027

2 Hours via
MS Teams

Supporting Children's Understanding of Language

Developed and delivered by qualified Speech & Language Therapists

Who is this course for:

Nursery and school staff who are working with children experiencing difficulties with understanding language and staff who would like to find out more about targeted approaches to support a child's understanding of language

By the end of the course you will:

Understand what we mean by communication, including the difference between receptive and expressive language skills.

Understand why language skills are important and how they can impact on a child's learning and later life chances.

Have an awareness of general strategies to support children's understanding within nursery/school.

Have a good understanding of the theory behind information carrying words (ICW's) and know how to use these in your assessment and planning for particular children.

Have a good understanding of the Blank Language Scheme and know how to use this in your planning, assessment and behaviour management.

Have links to practical resources and websites for information around speech, language and communication Support.

**Cost
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29th September 2026

17th December 2026

8th March 2027

22nd June 2027

**2 Hours via
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