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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **RE: Speech and Language Therapy Department September 2023**

We are writing to provide an update about the Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT) Department, based in the Eliot Centre as part of Brompton Academy.

The SaLT Team consists of:

- A full time Speech and Language Therapist – Mrs Rowley-Howard
- A part time Speech and Language Therapist – Mrs Harvey
- A full time Speech and Language Therapy Assistant – Miss Gilmour

### Levels of support available



### The Universal level

All students at the Eliot Centre are supported by the SaLT department at the Universal level. There are three areas:

- Environment: Every classroom is a “Communication Friendly” environment.
- Opportunities: Everyone has the opportunity to talk, listen, understand and participate.
- Interactions: Every adult-student interaction promotes and supports effective speech, language and communication skills.

The Speech and Language Therapy Team offer training, advice, support and demonstrations to all the staff in the Eliot Centre in collaboration with the SENCo and her team.

Visual support systems are provided, including: the traffic light system, mind maps, word walk, task management boards etc.

### The Targeted level

This level supports specific students e.g. in paired/group sessions. These may be delivered by the SaLTa/TA. The therapists will model therapy and train others to implement the therapy programmes.

### The Specialist level

For young people whose needs cannot be met through universal and targeted provisions. At this level the therapists will provide direct and/or individualised therapy sessions.

Academy staff are aware of the student's individual therapy targets and are supported to help generalise these within the Academy day.

### Packages of care

For students who are open to the SaLT department, there are three packages of care:

Programme (up to 3 sessions a year)

Direct (up to 10 sessions a year)

Intensive (up to 20 sessions a year).

Where your child is on any of the above packages of care this would be discussed with you by a member of staff from the SaLT department.

Some students are not open to the SaLT department, but Academy staff may seek advice to support their communication skills.

Students who are open to the SaLT department may require: a number of direct sessions to offer advice and/or demonstrate activities or strategies or they may need blocks of direct or intensive therapy sessions. Students then need to generalise these new skills throughout their Academy day and at home. For students to achieve the best progress the support needs to happen throughout their daily life. This is why we value the important role that Academy staff and parents/carers provide.

The package of care your child accesses will be written on their SaLT report/therapy plan.

If you **do not wish for** your child to access any support from the SaLT Department, please can you contact the department on 01634 852341 extension 747 before the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

You are also welcome to contact the SaLT Department, if you have any queries and would like more information as to what level of support your child is accessing.

Yours faithfully,

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