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AN INTRODUCTION TO MY SERVICES

Thank you for your enquiry regarding private Speech & Language Therapy for your child.

Who I Am

I'm a Paediatric Speech and Language Therapist living in Ashford (Kent) and working with children across Kent and Essex.

Experience & Expertise

I have experience in working with children with a broad variety of speech, language and communication difficulties. My career to date has seen me working in a range of settings, including community clinics, hospitals, nurseries, schools and working with children in their own home. My specialist areas of interest and expertise are in working with:

- Non-verbal children who require alternative communication systems
- Children with complex special needs (*genetic syndromes, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy etc*)
- Pre-school and school-aged children on the Autistic Spectrum or with social communication disorders
- Children with developmental speech and language delay/disorders (e.g. *Dyspraxia, Developmental Delay, Speech Delay etc*)
- Children with a hearing impairment
- Children with aversive eating behaviour

What I Can Offer

I always aim to offer a professional and friendly service, which empowers children to communicate to the best of their ability. I believe that children work and learn best in an environment that is fun and motivating, and where they have opportunities to achieve success. As a result, my approach to therapy uses play as a medium for working on specific speech and language targets. I recognise the crucial role played by parents, carers and the wider family in supporting their child's communication development, and seek to offer encouragement and guidance in order to help them do this.

What Services Are Available

The most appropriate level of provision for your child will be determined following assessment in close consultation with you. My services would always seek to compliment local NHS speech and language therapy provision and include the following:

- Assessments
 - Initial assessment and advice
 - Statutory assessments (*As part of a Statement of SEN*)
 - Provision of second opinions and independent advice
 - Reviews
 - Nursery/school visits for monitoring and observation
- Direct Intervention
 - Ongoing or block episodes of therapy
- Indirect intervention
 - Advice and support for nursery/school staff
 - Writing IEP targets for nursery/school
 - Provision of speech and language programmes for parents/carers
 - Provision of detailed reports and recommendations
 - Onward referrals to other professionals

For preschool children, most of the above services would be provided through home visits, and for school aged children this intervention would most likely take place at school. However, this will depend on the needs of your child.

Charges

My charges are as follows:

- Hourly rate for assessment/therapy £75 * **

* initial assessment will be approximately 1½ hours for preschool children and 2½ hours for school-aged children (including parental feedback) , therapy/review approximately 1 hour sessions

** with a minimum charge of £75

Administration costs

General administration time will be charged at £75 per hour. Specific costs for reports and recommendations are listed below:

- Initial Assessment Report £100
- Interim Report £75
- EHCP Assessment Report £100
- Home/school programme/targets £60

Travel

- My hourly rate includes mileage costs to visits within 20 miles of my home address. Mileage beyond 20 miles will be charged at 40p/mile
- Travel time will be charged at £30 per hour.

Payment should be in the form of a cheque/cash after each session, or within 28 days of receiving an invoice. For full assessments an invoice will be issued with the report. There will be a charge of £30 for sessions cancelled within 24 hours, and a full charge will be made where no cancellation has been received.

Please note that I am not registered with all private insurers. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the parent to source funding for assessment/therapy, prior to making an appointment.

Contact & Availability

My contact details are above. The best way to contact is either to email or leave a message on my mobile number, as I am often unavailable during office hours. Just leave a message with your name, number and the best time to call you back. Please be aware that it's unlikely I would be able to offer an appointment at very short notice.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Looking forward to hearing from you and being of help.

Kind regards,



**Nicola Kimmance (BSc Hons, CertMRCSLT, MHPC)
Highly Specialist Speech & Language Therapist**

Please note, fees and charges are reviewed on an annual basis during the month of September. Please ensure you are aware of current charges before making an appointment.