

# Sensational Kids

Helping Children Achieve



## Speech & Language Therapy

For children of all ages and all abilities, including those with additional needs. In addition to speech and language therapy for children who need a little help to catch up with their peers, Sensational Kids also offers specialist speech and language therapy support to children with additional needs and works with children who have autism spectrum disorders, down syndrome, specific language impairment, dyspraxia, nonverbal children and other developmental delays and conditions. Our speech & language therapist Elaine Baldwin has also undertaken specialist training to provide speech & language therapy for children with hearing loss using the techniques of Auditory Verbal Therapy.

### For appointments

Phone Sensational Kids 045 520900 Monday – Saturday

Email [Info@sensationalkids.ie](mailto:Info@sensationalkids.ie)

### Speech & Language Therapy Can Help Children With:

- Receptive Language
- Expressive Language
- Social Skills
- Articulation (pronunciation)
- Oral Motor Skills
- Fluency
- Voice

### Speech & Language Therapy Costs

Sensational Kids is a social enterprise and registered charity set up by parents to provide accessible and affordable child development services. Our speech and language therapy intervention sessions are reduced from €120 per session to €68 per session.

- Speech & Language Therapy Sessions (approx 45 minutes) €68
- Speech & Language Therapy Assessment with full written report €330
- Outreach & School Visits are charged at €68 per hour of the therapist's time plus mileage at 39c per km

## How do I know if my child needs speech and language therapy?

By Age	Speech and Language Skill Milestone	Refer if
1 year	Your child should be using gestures, pointing, understand cause and effect, imitate sounds, be saying their first words and be communicating with intent	your child doesn't cry, babble or pay attention to other voices
2 years	By 24 months your child should have 50 single words combined in different ways. By age two and half to three years they should be able to follow simple commands.	Your child can't put some words together in a speech
3 years	By 36 months your child should be able to follow two requests such as "Do x and then y" They should be able to respond from another room and their speech should be able to be understood by others	Your child's speech is difficult for those outside the family to understand or if they are not combining words
4 years	By 4 years your child should be able to communicate their needs and wants and be able to answer "WH" questions such as What and When	Your child doesn't have a growing vocabulary, speak in sentences, and make most sounds - or a child points to things instead of talking. If they cannot answer WH questions
5 years	By 5 years your child should be able to pay attention to a short story and carry on a simple conversation	Your child can't carry on a simple conversation, stammers, sounds much different from playmates, is reluctant to talk, is very self-conscious when speaking and becomes defensive, nervous, or withdrawn when speaking

If you are concerned about your child's speech production, please keep in mind that the majority of sounds a three year old makes should be normal. Although she/he may use all sounds correctly, she/he should be intelligible to strangers. The following chart provides the acceptable ages of speech sound development for children

Age	Consonants
3 years - 3 years 11 months	m, n, p, h, w, b, t, d, k, g, f
4 years	Sh, S
5 years	s, z, l, v, CH, TH, Q
6 years	R

## Elaine Baldwin, Speech & Language Therapist at Sensational Kids

Elaine joined our team at Sensational Kids having graduated with an honours degree in speech & language therapy from University College Cork in 2012. Elaine has experience in the provision of individual and group therapy and assessments to children of all ages and all abilities. She has worked with children up to aged 18 years with varying needs including intellectual disability, developmental delay and Autistic Spectrum Disorders.



Recently Elaine has undertaken Auditory Verbal Therapy Training, Part 1 Working Through Audition, an RCSLT Approved & AG Bell Academy accredited six days of training with an LSL Certified Auditory Verbal Therapist® to provide specialist speech & language therapy training to children with hearing loss using the techniques of auditory verbal therapy.

Following her graduation, Elaine worked with The Brothers of Charity also spent 9 months as a home tutor to a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder. During this time, she facilitated and conducted Hanen training programs that equip parents with valuable strategies to support and enhance their children's language development. She also attained further qualifications in dysphagia (feeding, eating, drinking and swallowing disorders) and completed all supervised placement hours on site.

She continues to work closely with children's families as part of multidisciplinary team intervention and collaboratively sets goals and develops treatment plans.

**"Without Sensational Kids my son would still have issues with his speech"**

**"Our child was non verbal and now thanks to the team here he can now talk to us"**

For more information about Sensational Kids visit our website at [www.sensationalkids.ie](http://www.sensationalkids.ie)