

HOW CAN WE HELP? KS1 & KS2

Strategies to Support Speech Sound Development



TRY TO

- ✓ Encourage the child to talk as much as possible. The more they practice the more opportunities they have to develop their skills
- ✓ Make sure the child can see your face clearly when you are talking to him/her. This will help them to see and hear how you make the sounds
- ✓ Accept any attempt at a word as a good try then repeat back the word to them clearly and emphasise the target sound
- ✓ Practice in front of a mirror. Use this to try out tricky sounds and see if the child can copy them. Talk about where your tongue is when you make the sound
- ✓ Be honest and say when you don't understand. Be sympathetic and/or put the blame on yourself by saying 'my ears aren't working properly today'

TRY NOT TO

- × make the child repeat their tricky sound over and over. Don't ask them to imitate the correct pronunciation if they have not already achieved this in structured practice
- × let other children make fun of his/her attempts at words
- × expect the child to be able to say a sound in a word, sentence or in different situations straight away, even if they can say the sound on its own. This takes time to develop

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