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Springwood Heath will be using the *WellComm*, a speech and language assessment package, to complete baseline screenings across the school.

WellComm is a speech and language toolkit used by early years and primary practitioners, such as nursery workers, health visitors, teachers and speech and language therapists, to identify any speech and language difficulties quickly and easily, in early years and primary school pupils, so that appropriate support can be provided.

Both toolkits come with an age-appropriate activities resource, so appropriate action can be taken straight away. Activities can be used within the school environment as part of an intervention programme and with parents at home too, so that support is provided whether or not a child is referred to a speech and language therapist.

WellComm Early Years is suitable for use with children from the age of 6 months to 6 years, and can be used to identify any speech or language delays early, as this is key to the progressive development of a young child's overall development. *WellComm Primary* is used with pupils aged 6 years to 11 years with the aim of enabling primary school practitioners to identify pupils who may have speech, language and social communication needs and minimise any identified difficulties through implementing appropriate interventions.

The first part of *WellComm* is the Screening Tool, which involves the diagnostic assessments used to evaluate the child's language skills, allowing administrators to draw up a detailed profile. From this, informed judgments can be made about children who require close attention and support from within their own setting, and children who might benefit from referral to an outside agency for additional support.

The second part of *WellComm* is the Intervention Tool, which consists of online resources and the *Big Book of Ideas*, which provides focused teaching and intervention activities to meet the individual needs of each child. *WellComm* provides a large number of bespoke, fun and practical intervention activities for use with children across the entire age range, which are designed to stimulate and improve the speech and language skills of all children at all levels.

Wellcomm will also enable practitioners to keep a record of and track pupils' progress in their speech, language and communication skills.

