

About Laura

Laura is one of only three specialist Talk Tools Level 4 trained therapists in the UK.

She has over 15 years of experience as a qualified Speech & Language Therapist since graduating from University College London in 1999.

Laura's working education began in the NHS, working predominantly with primary school aged children from both the mainstream and specialist school sectors. Laura played a key role in Pilot projects that supported children whose language difficulties were also impacting on their social, emotional and behavioural skills. Laura's experience took her into specialist schools that include both the state and independent sector as well as highly specialist provisions (including an Applied Behavioural Analysis School for children with ASD).

Laura's time and experience working with children in schools means she has a comprehensive knowledge of the challenges that face both teachers and learners within the classroom. She also has experience of writing supporting evidence as part of the Statutory Assessment process for a Statement of Special Educational Needs.

As an independent practitioner, the experience gained from working with a variety of families, schools and charities has led Laura to develop specialist knowledge and interest in the primary areas of speech and language below:

- Language development and articulation in children with Down Syndrome.
- Oral motor difficulties impacting on feeding, communication and articulation skills.
- The Talk Tools Approach to Oral Placement for Speech Clarity and feeding.
- PROMPT to facilitate speech clarity.
- Development of speech in non-verbal children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

"I am passionate about continuing my education within the field of speech and language therapy and I love learning about new techniques and how I can use these to provide the best therapy for your child."

