



Let's Talk with 10-14s

A practical course for parents
and carers to support their
child's transition from primary
to secondary school.



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This practical course is designed for parents and carers but is also suitable for teaching assistants. Written by a speech and language therapist and two teaching advisors, these five two-hour sessions will explore the issues and challenges involved for a child and their family as they transition from primary to secondary school. The course workbook is full of strategies and activities with a particular focus on home work.

The aims are

- To explore the link between language, communication, reading, writing, behaviour, learning and home work.
- To provide practical ideas to support children's learning particularly as they transition from primary to secondary school.
- To share ideas with other parents and carers.

Topics covered

- What's happening when we communicate?
- Improving listening and understanding.
- Improving conversation and social skills.
- Helping with homework and preparing for the new school.

What the experts say

'Written language can be limited by weak oral language skills' (Snow, CE, Porche, MV, Tabors, PO and Ross Harris, S 2007).

'In the secondary classroom, language is a fundamental skill for participation in, and access to, most aspects of the curriculum' (Wetherall D, Botting, N and Conti-Ramsden, G (2007)

What the participants say

Great Ideas for learning new topics and help children to revise, loved the mind and word maps

The course encouraged us to think about and discuss ways to support our children with learning, communicating and organising themselves.

More information

The course is delivered weekly, but it can be run over three separate days. It aims to be practical, interactive and fun.

Completion of this course can lead to exploring the issues involved in more depth by attending 'Speech and Language Support for 5-11s' or 'Speech and Language Support for 11-16s' - whole course details available at: www.elklan.co.uk