

Logopädie in der Schule Speech Therapy in School

Speech therapy is offered by the primary school. It is available to parents, children, young persons, teachers, school administrators and officials, free of charge.

Speech is for us of crucial importance. It enables us to express ourselves and communicate with other people. Speaking involves using our bodies, minds and feelings. Poor speech therefore disadvantages the whole person and can affect adversely our psychological and social conditions as well as our learning ability.

For a child's speech to develop normally, it has to develop perception, thinking and movement as well as emotional and social traits. Speech therapy therefore also concerns these areas of development.

The therapy is tailored to the individual needs of each child. New ideas are introduced using playful and active methods, helping the child to discover speech. This improves speech competence and leads to the next stage in the child's development.

Prevention – if necessary early treatment when the child is very young – helps to avoid problems arising later with reading, writing and arithmetic. Personality and behavioural disorders can be prevented or at least minimised. An essential factor for a successful therapy is the collaboration between parents and teachers in the form of consultation and support.

Speech therapists have studied full time at a university or a similar, accredited specialist college. They all have a state-recognised degree in speech therapy.

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