

## Children's Speech and Language Therapy Service

# Stammering - Information for Schools

The following advice and strategies should be implemented when supporting a school aged child who stammers -

- Speak in a calm unhurried manner
- Pause and give plenty of time for the student to speak
- Keep looking at the student to show you're interested and listening
- Praise the content of what the student says
- Do not put the student on the spot by asking them to read out loud or answer a question in front of the class unless they volunteer to do so.
- Give the student the opportunity to answer in single words or shorter sentences by using closed questions.
- Give student the opportunity to answer or read in unison with another student if appropriate.
- Give the student the opportunity to discuss talking situations that they may find difficult or worry about.
- Contact the Speech and Language Therapy Service to discuss any individual concerns.

Further information can be found on the website for the British Stammering Association ([www.stamma.org](http://www.stamma.org))