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Red Lane Primary School
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Bolton Social Communication and Interaction Panel Meeting (BSCIP)

Information for parents

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What is BSCIP?

A professional involved with your child has highlighted some concerns about his/ her social and communication skills. You have agreed for your child to be discussed at the BSCIP panel meeting.

BSCIP meetings aim to gather accurate information about your child's social and communication skills in terms of strengths and well as areas of need.

Meeting occur approximately twice a term.

What are social and communication difficulties?

Social and communication difficulties affect children in different ways at different ages. Your child may have problems interacting with other people, difficulties forming friendships, understanding language and how other people behave. They may behave and play differently to other children.

Who will be at the meeting?

Professionals may include

- Community paediatricians
- Outreach teachers from Ladywood Outreach Service
- Speech and Language Therapists (SALT)
- Educational Psychologists (EP)
- Preschool support service/ Nursery/ School staff

What will happen before the meeting?

Information about your child's social communication skills will be collected. Further information may be requested in order to get an accurate picture of your child. This may involve

- Referral from other agencies
- Request for information from other agencies already involved with your child
- Arranging a Nursery or School visit
- Completing questionnaires

What happens during the meeting?

The information that has been gathered is shared and considered and a decision is made about the most appropriate next step.

What happens after the meeting?

- Your child may be invited for further assessment such as an ADOS (Autism Diagnostic Observation and Schedule)
- The diagnosis of Autism may be confirmed at the meeting
- Your child may be visited in school or Nursery by a member of the team
- Further information may still need to be gathered
- It may be decided there are no significant concerns about your child's communication skills and no need for further specific assessment of them
- You and the professional who referred you will be informed of the outcome