
**Children's Therapies
Oxfordshire Speech and Language
Therapy Service**

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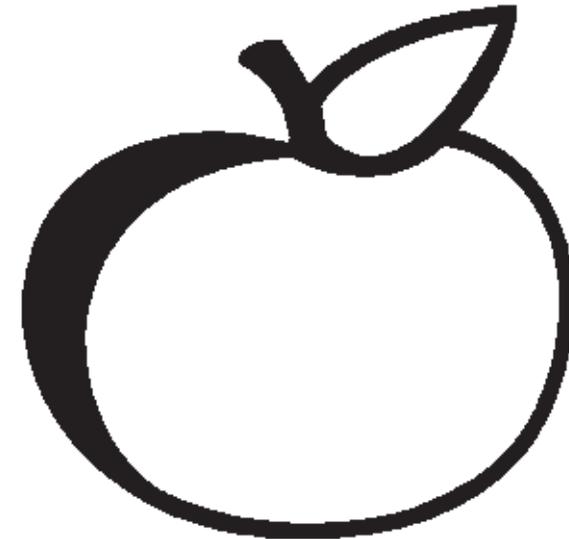
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**Help for Children
and
Young People
Who Stammer**



Oxford Stammer Programme

INTRODUCTION

Intensive courses for groups of up to 6 - 8 children are held regularly in Oxford. The aim is to help children who stammer improve their fluency.

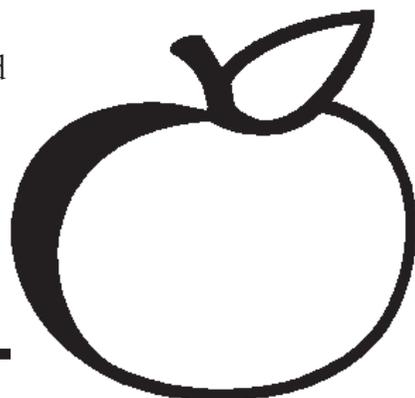
The courses are run by Specialist Speech and Language Therapists who have specialised in the management of stammering difficulties.

A group course builds a foundation for fluent speech and develops insight and understanding about stammering. Techniques for improving fluency are taught alongside communication skills and problem solving. Research and experience have recognised that working intensively in a small group is a highly effective way to help fluency.

Children are assessed to see if they will benefit from this approach. Close involvement with the family of a child attending the course is expected and highly valued, as is contact with the child's school.

Courses are held each year at The Apple House. One for 6 - 7 year olds, two for 8 - 12 years during the Spring and Summer holidays, and one for 13 - 17 years during the Autumn term.

The Apple House, in the grounds of the Warneford Hospital, Oxford, is an attractive old stone building converted for working with people who stammer.



THE COURSES

Younger Children aged 6 - 7 years old

Smoothies Group

- 4 mornings in one week during the school holidays
- Parents' and carers' involvement
- Report and recommendations for parents, school and GP

Children aged 8 - 12 years old

- Individual assessment of the child & interview with the parents
- Meetings with all parents before the course
- Five-day intensive course for a group of up to 8 children
- Individual follow-up sessions with the local Speech and Language Therapist
- Refresher Day for the whole group
- Reports & recommendations for the parents, school and GP

Teenagers aged 13 - 17 years old

- Individual assessment of the young person and interview with the parents
- 4 or 5 day intensive group or:-
- Weekly evening sessions during school term
- One group Refresher Group Session
- Reports & recommendations for the parents, school and GP