



“76% (of primary schools) said pupils starting school in September 2020 needed more support with communication than in previous years”*

Joining a Communication Champions network could support you to develop your practice to better meet this ongoing area of need.

As part of the [Norwich Opportunity Area ‘Communication Champions’ project](#), several Communication Hubs have been established in Norfolk. Led by trained Communication Champions, these Hubs are the centre of professional networks working together to improve outcomes for children by developing a universal approach to Speech, Language and Communication in the Early Years and beyond.

Practitioners from schools, settings and services are invited to half-termly meetings comprising quality CPD, good practice sharing and problem-solving together with local and national updates. Members have access to a range of expertise and resources. Meetings are held online and therefore open to county-wide attendance.

If you would like to find out more, or join a network, please visit our websites or contact one of the Hubs below:

[North Norwich Communication Hub](#)

Hub Leads: Eileen Maceachern senco@milecrossprimary.norfolk.sch.uk Cathy Bryan senco@cattongrove.norfolk.sch.uk and Lucy Finnie astlians@istnorfolk.co.uk

[Lakenham Primary School Communication Hub](#)

Hub Leads: Jess Bell and Tracey Hawthorne office@lakenham.norfolk.sch.uk

0-2 Communication Hub [Little Squirrels Play Forest](#) and [Chestnut Nursery](#)

Hub Leads: Suzie Squirrel Hughes enquiries@little-squirrels.com and Yvonne Hamilton nrp@chestnut-nursery.co.uk

[Peapod Preschool ‘Parent & Communities’ Communication Hub](#)

Hub Leads: Fran O’Neill and Sarah Riley contact@peapodpreschool.co.uk

[Breckland Communication Hub](#)

Hub Leads: Lynsey Eaglen leaglen@necten.norfolk.sch.uk and Leanne Cryan senco@necten.norfolk.sch.uk

(Since this is a newly established hub, membership of the network is restricted to schools and settings in Thetford, Swaffham and Dereham)

You can also access FREE online training modules at <https://ican.org.uk/communication-champions/>

(*BBC News April 2021)