

When to seek Extra Support for Your Child's Communication

Every child grows at their own pace, but there are times when extra support from a speech pathologist can help. Trust your instincts - you know your child best.

Possible Signs to Look Out For:

By 18 months

- Not using words yet (or only a handful)
- Not pointing or showing you things they're interested in

By 2 years

- Not combining 2 words (e.g., "more juice")
- Hardly imitating words or sounds

By 3 years

- Hard for family to understand most of what they say
- Not asking questions or joining in play with others

By 4 years

- Speech still hard to understand for strangers
- Struggles to tell simple stories or answer basic questions

At Any Age

- Limited interest in communicating
- Gets frustrated or upset when trying to talk
- Has had frequent ear infections or hearing concerns

These signs may simply reflect your child's unique way of learning or interacting. Checking in early can help you better understand and support their individual needs and strengths.

At Voices in Bloom, we offer play-based, family-friendly and neurodiverse-affirming support across the Adelaide Hills. We're here to work alongside you and your child.

