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Dear Parents/Carers

Early Intervention Initiative Speech Therapy Program

During Term 2 2019, Alfords Point Public School has engaged a speech therapist to work with Kindergarten students and their teachers. This program forms part of our Early Intervention Initiative and has been funded through school funds available within the 2019 school budget allocation.

A speech therapist from ALLSALT Speech Pathologists will conduct assessments with all students and work collaboratively with teaching staff to support identified groups of students requiring support in their language development.

Understanding spoken language and learning to talk using a wide variety of words (vocabulary) assists children with their social skills, classroom learning and with literacy skills such as reading comprehension.

Once the initial assessments have been conducted, the speech pathologist will work collaboratively with the classroom teachers and withdraw small groups of students who would benefit from speech pathology from the classroom to assist them with language learning each week. A written report regarding each child's language learning and their progress will be provided.

In order for the program to begin, parents / carers are required to provide permission for their child to participate in the program. **The permission needs to be returned by Friday 12 April 2019.** There is no cost associated with this program for parents.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your support.

Annette Wein
Principal

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I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Alfords Point Public School Speech Pathology programme with ALLSALT speech pathologists. I understand that my child's information will be confidential, shared between the Speech pathologist, class teacher and parent/carer to benefit my child's learning.

Parent Name: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____