



# KEERTANA KANNAN

## SENIOR SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPIST

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### PROFILE

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Keertana joins the Hopscotch Children's Therapy Centre team in June 2026 as a Senior Speech and Language Therapist, bringing a rich international clinical background and a strong specialism in paediatric communication and fluency disorders.

#### At Hopscotch:

At Hopscotch, Keertana works with children presenting with a wide range of speech, language, and communication needs, including autism spectrum condition developmental language disorder, speech sound disorders, fluency difficulties and complex communication needs. She delivers comprehensive assessments and individualised, evidence-based therapy programmes, and works closely with families, schools, and multidisciplinary teams to ensure that strategies are embedded effectively across home and school environments.

Keertana is skilled in Augmentative and Alternative Communication and uses a range of tools including Makaton and visual supports to empower children to communicate confidently. She contributes to EHCP assessments, reports, and annual reviews, and is committed to a collaborative, family-centred approach in all her work.

#### Background:

Prior to joining Hopscotch, Keertana worked as a Speech and Language Therapist at in London, delivering one-to-one and group therapy for children with complex communication needs across autism, learning disabilities, developmental delays, and hearing loss. Before moving to the UK, she worked as a Speech Pathologist at Stamura in India, where she specialised in fluency disorders working with children and adults with stammering and cluttering across a caseload of over 40 clients globally via tele-therapy and home visits.

Keertana also completed a clinical internship at Kasturba Medical College, gaining broad experience across paediatric, adult, and acute care settings, including work with laryngectomy and tracheostomy patients and as a qualified audiologist. Her dual qualification in both speech-language therapy and audiology gives her a particularly strong foundation in hearing and its relationship to communication development.

#### Keertana's professional training and qualifications include:

- MSc Speech and Language Therapy, University of Essex | Distinctions in Motor Speech Disorders and Language Disorders
- BSc Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, Manipal Academy of Higher Education
- Makaton | Levels 1-4
- Palin Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (Palin PCI) | for young children who stammer
- Specialist fluency clinic training | stammering and cluttering management
- Training in Fidelity to Ayres Sensory Integration® (ASI®)
- Basic Life Support (BLS) certified
- Psychological First Aid

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