

Early Years Communication and Language Development Service

Guidance for Tips of the Month

Practitioner

Monthly top tips to update practitioners on key areas of speech, language and communication development. They can be displayed on noticeboards and shared with all staff at staff meetings to ensure all practitioners are aware of the strategies and be more confident in sharing the parent top tips/songs of the month. The flyer contains key information about national/ local events/ Communication Champion briefings

The flyer should be printed out on an A4 sheet.

Parents

Monthly tips which practitioners can share with parents to encourage activities in the home learning environment to promote communication and language development. The activities have been focused at three age bands; Babies, toddlers and young children.

These tips can be displayed on the parent's noticeboard or become part of a display in each room. Activities could be set up within the room and practitioners could invite parents into the setting to see them in practice.

These tips need to be printed two sided to create a postcard (2 per sheet), the tips on one side and the activities on the other.

Songs

A monthly song card to share with children and parents, one song is a traditional song and the other is a new song to teach the children and shared with parents. Practitioners could record the children singing the songs; these can be played to parents at the beginning or end of the day. Parents could be invited into the setting to learn the songs together with their children.

These songs need to be printed two sided to create a postcard (2 per sheet), the traditional song on one side and the new song on the other.

Where to access our Communication and Language Tips of the Month

We publish our Communication and Language Top Tips monthly on the Bolton Start Well website which can be found in the communication and language resources section at the following link:

<http://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/resources/learning-and-development/communication-and-language/>

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