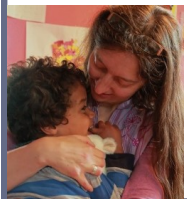


Talk about school before your child starts...

...and ask them about their day once they've started

Remember...

- It's better to be at your child's level so that you can talk face to face
- It's also very important to talk in your home language (if it's not English)



- Listen to your child and wait for them to answer (give them plenty of time)
- It's better not to let children use a dummy, as it stops them practising their talking.

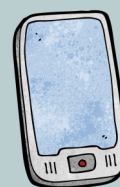
Tips for parents and carers

Talking to your child

Help them to become a chatterbox!



Talking to and listening to your child is very important for their future development



Try to regularly switch your phone off and give your child your full attention



Add words to their words



Talk about what you're doing, when you're doing it (this will help them understand and learn the words)

Ask them questions about things that are happening



Give them choices

Going to school

It's good for children to practise following simple instructions. This will help them at school.



Where do you think she's going?

Ask them questions about the pictures in books or about children's programmes on the television.

They'll be reading and talking about books at school.



What's he doing?

Singing rhymes or songs with your child will help them develop their language

Young children learn by repeating things—so singing the same song over and over again is great for them.

They also learn from the rhythm and rhymes in songs.

