



BEDFORD
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Early Years

Ready family

Ready child

**Supporting Communication
and Language**





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To help your child with communication and language, you can

**Understand that there are many skills to learn before speech.
Below is the building blocks of communication development.**



There are many great ideas to support you to help you know more, and how you can help your child develop communication skills.

Click here: [Speech, Language and Communication Toolkit for Early Years 2022](#)

(p56-57) Attention and Listening Skills

(p58-59) Play and Intercation Skills

(p60-69) Understanding of Language

(p 74 – 89) Use of Language

(p 74-89) Speech

If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language talk to their Early Years Setting, as they can support you in knowing what to do next. You can also visit the Bedford Borough [Speech & Language Therapy Service](#) found on the Bedford Borough Local Offer website.

Here are some more useful websites you might like to explore.

- Literacy Trust: Support for parents and families. Literacy Trust for families
- Book Trust: Find children's books for every age, tips advice and reading guides. Book Trust
- Cbeebies for grownups: Tips and ideas for families. Cbeebies for grownups
- Speech and Language UK: ages and stage for parents and a guide to the typical stages of speech and language development in babies, children and young people. Speech and Language UK
- To find information about how to join your local Library please visit The Virtual Library

Where else can you get ideas and support?

If your child is not in a setting yet, you can search for suitable childcare (Early Years education) in the comfort of your own home by using our [Childcare Local Offer](#). If you need further support then our [Family Information Service](#) can help you to find suitable childcare.

To help you make an informed decision on the right childcare setting we have some questions that you might want to consider when you make contact with the Early Years Setting ([link here](#)).

If you want to know how to pay for the childcare (Early Years education) then visit the Governments website [Childcare Choices](#) that will provide you with choices on how to pay for the childcare (Early Years education).

Our Children Centre's can also provide you with a timetable of their play and stay sessions here [Children Centre](#).