#### What is The Chatterbox Parent Programme?

These parent/carer sessions are for Croydon families with children aged 4 years old and under who have concerns about their child's talking or interaction. The sessions have been designed by the Speech and Language Therapy team and will focus on providing you with key strategies, advice and activities that will support your child's communication development. You will learn how to implement this at home and why these strategies and advice are useful for communication development.

#### Why is this session for parents and not for my child?

Evidence shows that children make the most progress with their communication skills and development, when specific advice and strategies are implemented in their everyday routines and environment. Whilst restrictions mean that Chatterbox groups are currently unable to run in their usual format, these virtual sessions continue to provide communication specific support for your child, showing you how to easily incorporate them into your daily activities. Children's centres are continuing some activities face to face, so please contact your local centre for more information on groups that you and your child can access.

#### What if I am working and can't join a session?

The Chatterbox Parent Programme takes place on a variety of days and times to support all families in accessing a session. Please contact your local children's centre or the Speech and Language Therapy team if you require additional support.

### How do I join the session?

Please contact the centres running the session for information on how to access the virtual group (please see contact details overleaf). The centre will send you joining details for a virtual platform.

Please join the session at least 5 minutes early, in case there are any difficulties in joining and so that you can make the most of all of the content that will be covered. If you experience any difficulties, please contact the centre so that someone can support you.

# The Chatterbox Parent Programme

January 2022



Virtual parent/carer sessions to provide advice, strategies and activities to support and encourage your child's speech, language and communication.

Enclosed are details on the days and times that the virtual sessions are running. Please contact the children's centre to register and receive the link to join the virtual session.

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#### **Days and Times**

Please join the session at least 5 minutes early, so that you can make the most of the content that will be covered.

To book on to a session, please contact the centre as below.

## Mondays at 1pm Purley Oaks and New Addington Children's Centres

Contact: 01689 664 570 or

childrenscentre@fairchildes.croydon.sch.uk

Purley Oaks on 0208 325 4517 or

purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk

## Tuesdays at 10am Federation of Crosfield and Selhurst Children's Centres

Contact: 0208 684 3777 option 1 or

childrenscentres@scc.croydon.sch.uk

## Tuesdays at 1pm Purley Oaks and Woodlands Children's Centres

Contact: Woodlands on 0208 916 0543 or

admin@woodlandsscc.info

Purley Oaks on 0208 325 4517 or

purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk

## Wednesdays at 1pm Federation of Crosfield and Selhurst Children's Centres

Contact: 0208 684 3777 option 1 or

childrenscentres@scc.croydon.sch.uk

## Thursdays at 1pm New Addington Children's Centres

Contact: 01689 664 570 or

childrenscentre@fairchildes.croydon.sch.uk

# Fridays at 9.30am Byron and Purley Oaks Children's Centres

Contact: Byron on 020 8763 6285 or

byronchildrenscentre@oasisuk.org

Purley Oaks on 0208 325 4517 or

purleyoaks.croydon.sch.uk



If you have any queries, please contact the Speech and Language Therapy service on:

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