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**Reaching and engaging
families in EYs
27th of August 2020**

Case study: The Alton Community Playschool

Our approach to home learning



Key challenges to accessing home learning resources:

Different levels of parental access to and confidence around technology

Pop-ups, adverts and language embedded in websites around suggested home learning activities

Mixed levels of interest from parents to log into and explore weblinks

The response from staff:

All staff were available to:

- Plan personalised activities based on individual children's next steps and materials and interesting objects parents would already have at home
- Order resources from educational suppliers such as books, Makaton signs and sensory items where a particular need was identified
- Talk to parents and children on the phone to keep communication open and to reach out to families as a familiar important adult

Some outcomes:

- Parents and children have developed new skills and confidence around home learning
- Deepened the sense of community between families and staff who are part of the setting
- Parental engagement further increased, with many sending photographs and feedback of different activities being successfully completed
- Parents were proactive in asking for support and further advice

Some feedback:

Dear C ,

Thank you for your email.

Yes, N is enjoying the activities, especially blowing the bubbles, which he can do himself. He also really likes listening music, however, he rather dance all the time. He loves to sing and dance, which we do almost every evening.

We tried also to get the toy from the ice. He was using a toy hammer and hot water in the bottle.

We have received the toys for N, which he really likes. Thank you so much!

I would be grateful for some more activities for N.

Also, please find attached photo of him trying to get the toy out of the ice.

Kind regards,

J. T.



Future plans:

- September 2020
- Transition
- Home learning for future cohorts - post lockdown and post Covid-19

Thanks!

Any questions?

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