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The North Norwich Communication Hub

Newsletter



We hope that all of our network members are safe and well. Knowing how busy everyone is in these uncertain times, we have decided to put together a short newsletter rather than hold our scheduled May network meeting remotely.

Future Plans for the Hub Schools and Settings

Obviously all of our plans have been put on hold for the time being, but postponed, rather than cancelled! Although it's not clear yet what form the Opportunity Area will have going forwards, we're determined to establish a legacy from the Communication Champions Project to improve communication in the Early Years and beyond.

Network meetings will resume when the time is right. We were looking forward to some of our Early Years Advisors leading sessions on working with parents and supporting children with EAL and will re-arrange these when we can.

The four original Hubs (Mile Cross/Catton Grove Primaries, Lakenham Primary, Lionwood Infant and Nursery and Peapods Nursery) have been joined by an additional 0-2 Hub (Chestnut Nursery and Little Squirrels Play Forest); we're looking forward to working together next year.

Training Updates

Thank you everyone who booked places on our Signalong and Word Aware training. We will be rescheduling these when the future is more certain and look forward to getting in touch at a later date with more updates. Training offered by the other Hubs will also be re-scheduled.

If you have time to learn some signs in the meantime, this [youtube channel](#) could be helpful.

If colleagues within your setting are interested in online training opportunities during school/nursery closure, don't forget that [The Communication Trust's short course](#) is available. Ashley has sent out details of further courses, so we won't duplicate that here, but please get in touch (emails below) if you have missed this. Remaining places on the Elklan courses can be booked by contacting Ashley.

To be able to communicate is a precious commodity... The challenge in a civilised society is to support those for whom communication is more difficult.

Bercow

Early Years Summit: Speech, Language and Communication

This summit, taking place 1st-7th June has some great speakers on the schedule, including Jean Gross and Elizabeth Jarman. We have ordered recordings so we will be able to use these in future network meetings.



Communication Champion Leader Reports

For those receiving the honorarium payment, final reports are due by 3rd July. There is a revised report format (attached) to reflect the current climate. Please provide as much information as you can (including case studies and feedback) to support the NOA to report on the success of the Communication Champions project as a whole. While it may be difficult to implement some of the actions suggested in the last report's feedback, other areas could include supporting communication through remote learning opportunities for children and advice to parents, research and reading, completing courses or facilitating staff training. This might involve use of The Communication Trust's online training (ready for distribution at the end of May). If you have any questions, please email us or Ashley

...the more parents and children talk to each other, the better the students achieve"

The impact of parent engagement on learner success 2010



Support for Parents

Norfolk County Council have lots of ideas and resources to support home learning through Talk and Play every day.

They are also offering online Family Learning Courses.

The Early Childhood and Family Service (ECFS) can offer family support and help those in financial hardship due to Coronavirus.

Please see the separate attachment for more detail.

For those working within our Community Communication Champion area, Oliver and Liz are still offering advice and support. They can be followed on Facebook @ **Community Communication Champions** for daily posts of things to try at home.



Transition Planning

It looks like this year's transition experience into and within schools and settings will be very different for our children. We would like to collect together some good practice recommendations. If you have any ideas (around resources or actions) that you are able to share with the network, please send them to us and we will create and distribute a transition toolkit.

Contact details

If you have any questions for us, ideas that you would like to share with the network or suggestions for the future, please contact us.

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