

Waltham Forest Early Years Guidance

Supporting Learning and Development during self-isolation

The following Early Years resources are available to schools/settings to share with parent/carers to help plan fun and meaningful activities at home during self-isolation.

Learning Activity Cards and Pre-Recorded Stories

The Learning Activity Cards and range of pre-recorded stories are organised in a way that will help you to support families with specific areas of learning e.g. if you have a child requiring more support with communication and language you can direct parents/carers to the Talking Together cards where there are lots of ideas and top tips to support children's learning and development.

[Learning Activity Cards](#)
[Range of pre-recorded stories](#)

Parents/carers can also access the Learning Activity Cards on the [Waltham Forest Website](#)

Chit Chat Pitter Pat Home Learning Project

You can also encourage your families to like and follow the Chit Chat Pitter Pat [Facebook group](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

Top tips and ideas are posted each week these will assist you in encouraging families to engage in home learning in a fun and meaningful way.

Some settings have added the Chit Chat Pitter Pat Facebook and Instagram details to their websites with a direct link making it nice and easy to access.



'Grab Bags' or 'Happiness Boxes'

Lot of settings have introduced 'Grab Bags' or 'Happiness Boxes' for children to take home in the event of them having to self-isolate. The Grab Bags should include resources suitable for individual children, which can be quickly given to families in the event of a setting closure.

You could include resources, pens, paper, books and equipment based on the children's individual needs and interests, to support their learning, development and well-being at home.

It is important that the items inside of a happiness box centre on the child's interests, stage of development and likes!

[Happiness Boxes](#)

Additional resources:

- [Communication Trust - Early Years](#)
- [Hungry Little Minds](#)
- [BBC Tiny Happy People](#)
- [Early Years Family Resources](#)
- [Foundation Years - Resources for Early Years settings](#)

If you require any more information regarding supporting children's learning and development during self-isolation please contact: EYtraining@walthamforest.gov.uk