

# Waltham Forest Early Years Guidance

## Everyday Communication and Language Practice



### Group time

Group times can be a fantastic way to model language and for children to practise their attention and listening, interaction and language skills.

Here are some ideas on how you and the children can enjoy group times.

#### Keep it short

Children will find it difficult to focus for long periods

#### Keep it small

Children can participate better in smaller groups, and it will be easier to hear what they say

#### Keep it interesting

Talk about children's interests and use lots of props such as puppets and real objects to help them focus

#### Keep it active

Make sure there are opportunities for children to take part physically e.g. action songs and using objects they can touch

#### Keep it moving

Try not to spend too long on the same activity. Children like to speak about new and exciting things!

#### Keep it inclusive

Make sure every child has an opportunity to take part whatever their level of communication.