



Dear Parents,

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Vocabulary Development in Nurseries- Word Aware Project

We are pleased to let you know that Stirling Council are now working in partnership with NHS Forth Valley Speech and Language Therapy to start using an exciting new way of helping children develop their vocabulary skills in the Early Years.

There is strong evidence that improving vocabulary in the preschool years has a positive and long lasting impact on literacy and learning at school and beyond. A one year 'Word Aware' project in a number of Stirling Council nurseries will see nursery staff trained and supported to use a variety of approaches to build vocabulary.

As part of this project, we plan to measure progress of some of the children. This may involve a small amount of assessment and will not interfere with your child's learning. You will be informed if your child is included in this.

Developing spoken language is beneficial for all children. If your child has more specific communication needs and they are receiving input at the health centre, hospital or in school they will continue to access this service. It is very important that you continue to attend your speech and language therapy appointments.

If you would like to find out more please phone the Speech & Language Therapy Department (01786 434078) or speak to the Head Teacher.

Yours Faithfully

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