

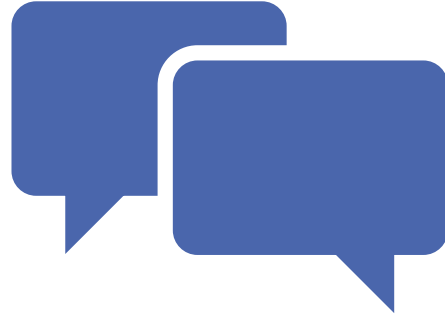
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Short courses
and workshops
For parents with
children aged 0-5
years



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Delivered by
Early Years Development
Bury Council Early Years Team



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Building Blocks to Words 5-week course

Various dates/times and venues
throughout the year

Who is it for?

For parents and their children aged from birth to 18 months old

Parent's who want to understand how babies communicate and want to know how to support this.



What do we cover?

- Adult and baby interactions
- Mind-mindedness approach
- Supporting early gestures
- Early conversation-turn taking in interactions
- Understanding every day routines using objects of reference
- Understanding everyday words
- Using everyday words



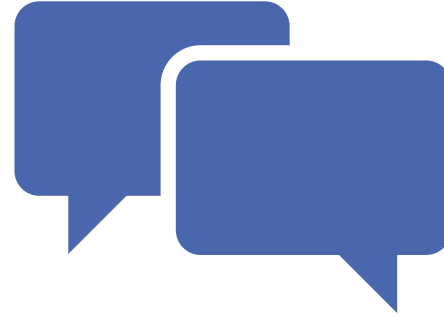
How do parents' access this?

Please note: Session venues and times change according to local need.

The sessions can be booked via the parenting hub generic email Parentinghub@bury.gov.uk

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Early Years Speech, Language and Communication Drop in Sessions

Are you worried about your child's Speech, Language and Communication skills?
Come along if you have any questions or are looking for further support



When: First Tuesday of the month
Where: Chesham Fold Family Hub
Time: 10am-11am

Tuesday 3rd March 2026
Tuesday 7th April 2026
Tuesday 5th May 2026
Tuesday 9th June 2026



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The play environment will also be set up to support your child's Speech, Language and Communication Skills.

Speech, language & Communication Drop in Sessions

Various dates/times and venues throughout the year. See the timetable Padlet link below for more details

[Bury Council Best Start Family Hub and Childrens Centres Timetable](#)



Who is it for?

For parents and their children aged 12 months to 3 years old.

Parent's who want to help their child's communication development.

Children who have a mild communication delay or just want some support with ideas/strategies to try.



What do we do in the sessions?

Strategies

- Share individual strategies with parents, depending on their child's current level of development

Play

- Provide appropriate play activities for supporting communication

Support

- Provide emotional support for parents as they navigate their child's development

Signpost

- Signpost to appropriate services as required

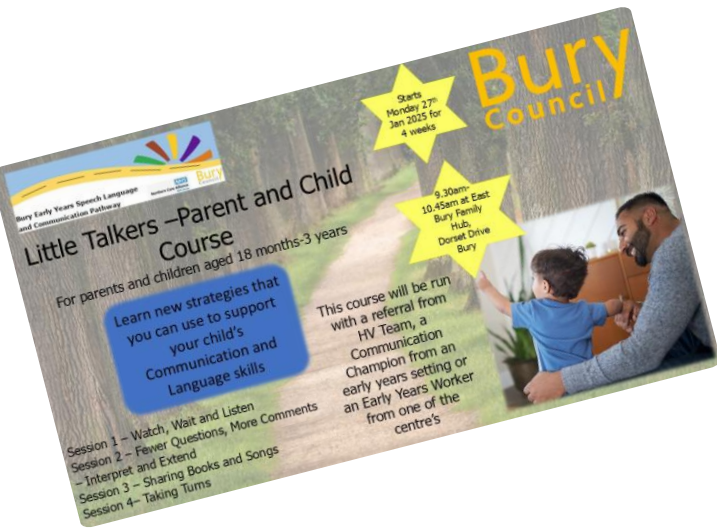
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The session is drop-in. Parents can dip in as is convenient.

No need to book a place.



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Little Talker Course

Delivered in various venues across Bury

Who is it for?

For parents and their children aged 18 months to 3 years old.

Parent's who want to help their child's communication development.

Children may have a mild communication delay.



What do we cover?

- Watch, wait and listen
- Less questions, more comments
- Interpret and extend
- Books and stories
- Turn taking



What we do in the sessions



Practise a speech and language therapy strategy



Encourage parents to tune-in and notice what their children are trying to communicate



Reflect on each week's strategy



Encourage embedding of strategies on routine

How do parents access this?

If you have a concern regarding your child's Communication Development, ask your Health Visitor/Children's Centre Worker/Early Years Setting to refer you and your child.

Parents must be willing to commit to attending one session a week for 5 weeks

Parents need to be willing to try the strategies we suggest during the sessions



	Child's Details	Primary carer details	Secondary carer details
First name:			
Surname:			
DOB:			
Ethnicity:			
Address (including postcode):			
Contact number:			
Email:			
Relationship to child:			
Do you consider yourself to have a disability? Please give details.			
Home Language:			

Reasons for referral:

Recent WellComm score - please include details of all sections assessed.

Referral due to A&Q Score (optional):

(Please give as much detail as possible)
Play skills & Interaction with others:

Attention:

Understanding:



Use of Language:

Referrer details

Date of Referral:	Name of Referrer:
Contact number and Email address:	Job Title:
	Organisation:

What do you wish to happen after attending Little Talkers?
Repeat WellComm assessment? A&Q:

Parents' consent:

Parent/carer gives consent for referral:

Parent/carer gives consent to E.Y workers to consult and share details with relevant professionals Le. SALT, Nursery setting:

Thank you for your referral 😊.
Please return referral form to: Parentinghub@bury.gov.uk

[Click here to download the form](#)

What's the difference between the two sessions below?

Communication Stay and Play (previously Talk Sing and Play)	Little Talkers
Drop in (8 week rolling program)	5-week course
12 months to 3 years	18 months to 3 years
Signpost (can email ahead)	Bookable – please use referral form
More informal	Requires more commitment to practice and reflect
Developed by Early Years Support Workers	Created by Speech and Language Therapists



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Tiny Treasures

A 5-week course-Variou dates/times/venues

Who is it for?

For parents and their children aged from age 1-2 years old. (No matter what stage of development they are at).

Parent's who want to understand how they can support their child's development and learning through play.

What do we cover?

Supporting children's health and well being

Understanding child development from 0-5 years.

Early development of 'Schematic Play' and how parents can support this at home.

Simple low cost/cost free activity ideas to support the home learning environment.

When and how to seek extra advice and

support

What we do in the sessions

Discuss	Discuss key stages of a child's development and how best to support this.
Model	Model play using low cost/no cost materials and resources.
Talk	Talk to parents and give them advice and support linked to their child's developmental needs.
Support	Support parents to introduce activities at home that will support their child's individual development.

How do parents
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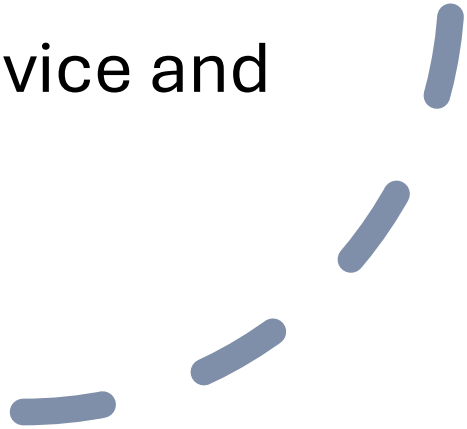
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Who is it for?

For parents and their children aged from age 2-3 years old. (No matter what stage of development they are at).

Parent's who want to understand how they can support their child's development and learning through play.

What do we cover?

- Supporting children's health and well being
 - Understanding child development from 0-5 years.
 - Early development of 'Schematic Play' and how parents can support this at home.
 - Simple low cost/cost free activity ideas to support the home learning environment.
 - When and how to seek extra advice and support
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Discuss

- Discuss key stages of a child's development and how best to support this.

Model

- Model play using low cost/no cost materials and resources.

Talk

- Talk to parents and give them advice and support linked to their child's developmental needs.

Support

- Support parents to introduce activities at home that will support their child's individual development.



Parent/carer weekly Drop in Sessions

- Each centre delivers a parent/carer drop in for one hour per week.
- These sessions are for families wanting advice, guidance and support around all aspects of family life.
- Early Years Workers are available to offer this service to our families. Staff are also able to signpost families to more specific areas of support if required. No booking required, just drop in.



Get in touch



For information relating to any of these sessions please email the Parenting Support generic email address and a member of the team will get back to you soon:

Parentinghub@bury.gov.uk