

Support for staff in School Hubs – Early Level General Support, Communication and Language

There are a number of helpful links and resources already available for use in Highland.

1. **bumps2bairns** is a series of pages that have been assembled by a range of specialists to support parents and those who work with young children. There has been consultation with parents and with Health Visitors, Early Years Practitioners and others while these pages were being created. All information has been checked through a peer review process, and harmonised so that advice from different specialists is complementary rather than conflicting.

<https://bumps2bairns.com/>

To support parents staying at home with their children right now and to provide ideas to other staff working in the early years and at the early level, a range of activities have been collated and are being added to daily. Playing and talking together, having fun, a listening ear and loving kindness – that's all our young children need from us to learn and develop right now.

If you are looking for more general information about early child development and how to support this or ideas on how to help young children learn at home through **play**, this is the website for you.

2. **Words Up Early** and **Words Up Primary** are two training modules that have been created to support staff in their understanding of the key messages for supporting language development with children in the early years and in the primary stages. It is a reminder to take into account the developmental stage children are at in terms of their expressive language (vocabulary and speech) and their receptive language (understanding and processing).

Words Up Early (Level 1) – Key Messages Training

<https://highlandliteracy.com/words-up-early-level-1-key-messages-training/>

Words Up Primary – Key Messages Training

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nxpzvPqD-4Y>

In addition to this, you will see that there are also a range of posters providing a visual summary of the key messages as a quick reminder for us all to follow.