**Developing oral Language with your child** : **Tips for Parents/ Guardians**

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| **Infants- 1st class** | **2nd and 4th class** | **5th and 6th class** |
| * Listen to what your child is saying/ trying to say and respond to contributions * Make and maintain eye contact while talking with your child * Explain the meaning of words * Talk through activities * Talk through everyday experiences * Involve your child in discussions/ plans * Ask/ answer questions * Teach your child nursery rhymes/ songs/ poems/ raps * Develop your child’s receptive language by asking him/her to follow simple instructions * Assist your child to express ideas in an orderly fluent way * Read to your child each night | * Set aside 10-15 minutes to discuss the day’s happenings * Encourage your child to express and justify opinions * Involve your child in adult conversations when appropriate * Talk about the child’s favourite T.V programme   Play language games which focus on words i.e. Scrabble, crosswords   * Encourage your child to talk about experiences with a range of people; peers, relations, other adults * Listen carefully and clarify meaning ‘Do you mean/ or is this what you mean?’ * Encourage your child to give reasons for decisions * Encourage your child to listen courteously to the opinion of others * Talk about school topics and assignments | * Encourage your child to develop a positive attitude to speaking/ listening * Discuss your child’s school work successes/  concerns/ interests * Respect your child’s opinions and feelings * Involve your child in adult conversations, when appropriate * Help your child to extend his range of words in specialised subjects * Encourage your child to listen and respond courteously to others * Watch and discuss TT.V news/ current affairs programmes together * Assist your child to locate information in local library, internet * Talk about school topics and assignments * Play commercial games that focus on word building |