



Communicate SLT CIC
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Dear parent / carer,

We are pleased to advise you that your child's nursery will be participating in *Learning Language and Loving It*TM—The Hanen Program[®] for Early Childhood Educators (Hanen LLLI).

This programme supports staff within the nursery to use simple interaction strategies that help all children learn. The strategies enable staff to respond, during everyday routines and activities, in ways that are most helpful to each child and support social, language and literacy development.

Nursery staff will attend a mix of face to face and virtual workshops with a Hanen trained Speech and Language Therapist / Early Years Consultant (the programme leader) and review and refine their interaction with the aid of videos and self-reflection. To find out more about Hanen, you can visit:



<http://www.hanen.org/Programs/For-Educators/Learning-Language-Loving-It.aspx>

COVID-19 procedures

To see an updated version of all the COVID-19 precautions introduced to protect both the children and staff members please see our website <https://communicate-slt.org.uk/services/learning-language-and-loving-it-2/>

Videos

The programme leader will be visiting with the nursery staff members at your child's nursery regularly between February and May 2021 to video the staff involved in the training whilst they are interacting with children in the nursery. This is a valuable opportunity for the nursery staff to reflect on the strategies they use with children and how they enhance the child's learning.

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These video clips are viewed by the nursery staff, the programme leader and other nursery staff who attend the training during this trial. Video clips are stored on password protected laptops and are deleted at the end of the training evaluation trial (in July 2021). No information about individual children is collected or stored by Communicate. Our legal basis for undertaking these videos is “legitimate interest”.

Funding and evaluation

This training is being funded by the Education Endowment Foundation, a charity which aims to develop essential life skills of 3-18 year olds by generating evidence of what works to improve teaching and children’s learning. More information about the foundation can be found here:



<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/>

The National Centre for Social Research (NatCen) are conducting an independent evaluation of the randomised control trial of Hanen LLLI. For more information, please see their information letter for parents, which will be handed out by the nursery to all parents in early November 2020. More information about NatCen and the independent evaluation can also be found below:

NatCen

Social Research that works for society

<http://natcen.ac.uk/>

<http://www.natcen.ac.uk/taking-part/studies-in-field/evaluation-of-hanen-learning-language-and-loving-it/>

Questions or comments?

To find out more about this project, you can visit <https://communicate-slt.org.uk/services/learning-language-and-loving-it-2/> We would be very happy to discuss the project with you and answer any of your questions. Please get in touch using the link above or use the email or phone contact details at the bottom of this page.

Alternatively, if you do NOT want your child to be visible on these training videos, please notify your child’s nursery who will inform the programme leader.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Coyne'.

Mrs Caroline Coyne
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