



Kilcreggan Primary School

Listening and Talking Matters!

Help your child grow in confidence, curiosity and communication



Why is Listening and Talking So Important?

Listening and Talking are the foundation of all learning. They help children build understanding, develop reading and writing skills, grow in confidence and connect with others. Whether your child is 3 or 12, every conversation helps them grow as a confident communicator.



How to Support Listening and Talking at Home:

- 1. Make talking part of every day life** - Chat during routines like walking to school or cooking.
- 2. Share books and stories together** - Ask open questions: "What do you think happened?" or "What will happen next?"
- 3. Take turns and really listen** - Model eye contact, pausing and turn taking.
- 4. Encourage thinking out loud** - Ask them to explain their ideas: "Tell me how you have worked that out."
- 5. Play games that gets everyone talking** - Try 'I Spy', 20 Questions, 'What Am I?'
- 6. Praise their efforts** - Acknowledge when they listen well or explain clearly

Tips for Different Ages



Early Level (ELC-P1): Encourage pretend play, follow simple instructions, and talk about feelings

First Level (P2-P4): Let them retell stories, play shopping games and ask curious questions

Second Level (P5-P7): Involve them in discussions, summarise information, and share opinions

Our Children, Their Future: Thriving Together - Best Start for Learners and Nurtured Learners