



The Two Way Street

Welcome back to our second edition. We have been asked how you can support your child's communication. In response, we are trialling 'Chat @ Home' in Key Stages One and Two.

What is Chat @ Home?

- ⚠ Chat @ Home is a chance for a child to talk with an adult about something that they will be writing. It is a little bit like the Home Link books that are already used in Nursery and Reception.
- ⚠ Before doing a piece of writing, children will be given a Chat @ Home task. It might be thinking of some describing words or arguments for or against a topic.

How should Chat @ Home be done?

- ⚠ Children should turn off the television or computer and look at the adult they are talking to.
- ⚠ Children can talk to mums, dads, nans, granddads, older siblings - whoever has a spare five minutes.
- ⚠ The adult or child can write down their ideas on the slip of paper.

How will Chat @ Home help my child?

- ⚠ Before doing a piece of writing in a lesson, children will look at their slips of paper- it will give them ideas and words to use in their writing.
- ⚠ Children will have orally practiced things that they might write. We know from experience that children need to be confident talkers before they are confident writers.

Look out for your first Chat @ Home next week.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions - why don't you email us on our brand new address specifically for the
'Two Way Street'

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