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Dear Parents

We are enjoying hearing about all the amazing things the children have been doing along with keeping the basic skills going. Thank you for all that you have done to support their learning, whilst at home.

The Education Endowment Foundation have written some tips to help at home, which I thought I'd share in case they are helpful. Feel free to ignore, as you may (like me) feel overloaded with suggestions but if you want a few more, do look!

They use something called the TRUST approach for **talking with children**. The use of initial letters never works for me, but some of the ideas are good:

- **T**ake turns to talk about what you are going to do. Say things like: "I'm going to wear my red jumper today. What colour jumper would you like to wear"
- **R**ecap the plan as you are working. Say things like: "Why do you think that happened?"
- **U**se lots of encouragement. Say things like: "What great ideas... Let's see what happens!"
- **S**hare what you know to help your child. Say things like: "Have you learnt about...at school?"
- **T**une-in and be interested. Say things like: "I didn't know you knew so much about...!"

Find out more about the TRUST framework here:

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19 Resources/Resources for schools/Talk with TRUST infographic.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19%20Resources/Resources%20for%20schools/Talk%20with%20TRUST%20infographic.pdf) and check out these examples of how you can use this in your home while enjoying a meal or while **reading** together: [https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19 Resources/Resources for schools/Reading with TRUST comic.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19%20Resources/Resources%20for%20schools/Reading%20with%20TRUST%20comic.pdf)

Remember, every conversation is a learning opportunity. You will be surprised how much you are teaching and the influence you are having on your children's thinking.

Take care of yourselves and families

Best wishes

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