

Bilingual Support

I have worked closely with a number of bilingual families who speak languages including Lithuanian, Spanish, German, Czech, Russian and Chinese. As a result of my research and studies with The Open University and also my experience with caring for bilingual children I appreciate the benefits of exposing children to all their languages in my setting. I have accumulated a number of bilingual resources to help me to ensure your child has access to materials in relevant languages, both in general free play and in role play activities.

Children are encouraged to share additional materials from home (eg, books, music cds, basic vocabulary lists etc) in their child's home language to help enhance the quality of care I provide. I ask parents to view the website at <http://www.newburypark.redbridge.sch.uk/langofmonth/index.html> and if their home language is not included, to provide me with a similar list of basic words in their home language, together with any additional words that might be of use. In particular, parents are requested to provide me with the words their child is using to express their basic needs, such as being thirsty or needing the toilet.