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Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child's setting is involved in a project where they receive support and training from the Speech and Language Therapy team at Evelina London. This is a very exciting opportunity for staff to develop their knowledge in offering a communication rich environment where children can thrive and be supported.

The speech and language therapy team are helping staff to identify which children would benefit from support and then setting up intervention groups that nursery staff can implement. Speech, language and communication development is important in supporting children's learning and their ability to build relationships. Any difficulties can have an impact on the pupil's self-esteem.

The Speech & Language Therapy team is supporting staff to use the WellComm screening toolkit to screen your child's speech, language and communication skills.

The WellComm can be used with children from 6 months to 6 years to identify if there are any areas of language, communication and interaction development that may need further support. Every child will be assessed for around 10-15 minutes on their understanding of what is being said to them (receptive language) and also how they communicate verbally (expressive language).

Your child's score will be rated as either green, amber or red and we will let you know the outcome of the screening.

Green: Your child's speech, language and communication skills are developing as expected for their age.

Amber: Your child would benefit from some support with their speech, language and communication. We will set up some group activities in nursery and will provide you with ideas for how you can support them at home.

Red: Your child would benefit from a referral to the Speech & Language Therapy team for a full assessment. We will speak to you about this and get your consent to make the referral. We will set up some group activities in nursery and will provide you with ideas for how you can support them at home.

If you have any questions about the WellComm screen or your child's speech, language and communication needs please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

Nell Gwynn Nursery Team