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Early Years news, advice and guidance for Square Mile families and settings

Hello...

Welcome to our monthly newsletter.

Our aim is to share regular local and national information for families in the city.

If you would like to find out anything further on any items or like more advice or information, please contact the Family Information Service.

EEYService@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Book Club Free books for children under 5!

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting programme devoted to inspiring a love of reading in children everywhere.

Enrolled children from birth to five can receive a high-quality book, sent via the post and best of all it is free of charge.

To register please click here:

<https://www.fis.cityoflondon.gov.uk/education-and-schools/early-years-0-5-education/dpil>

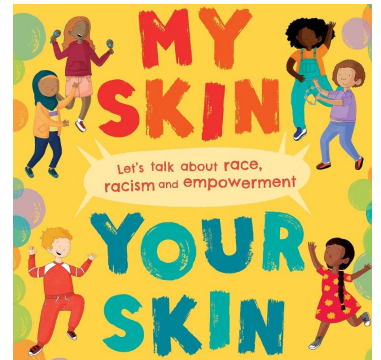


Talking about Racism in Early Years

It can be difficult to talk about race and racism, especially if you have never experienced it or talked about it yourself.

Click on the link below to learn ways to support your child's understanding.

[Helping young children to think about race in the early years Anna Freud](#)



'Save the Children' encourage you to use the following tips to start a conversation aimed at helping children to better understand what is happening around them.

Click on the links to find out more

[Talking to your children about racism | Save the Children UK](#)

My Skin Your Skin is a powerful book written by Laura Henry to help children and adults have meaningful discussions about race and anti-racism. Most importantly, the book empowers children to be the best versions of themselves.

The School Admissions Service offers free advice to families living in the City of London about the school admission process and how to choose the right school for your child.

You can contact us about anything to do with education and school.

Email:

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You may want to find out...

- How the school system works in the UK.
- How to find your local schools.
- What to look for in a school.
- How and when to apply for a school place.
- What to do if you don't get a place.
- Help with completing the common application form.
- Help and support with making an appeal if your child is not offered a place at your preferred school.
- Eligibility for free school meals, clothing grants, and travel allowances'



Do you have children?
Do you know how to get them
into education?

Get help finding a school or childcare

 Education and
Early Years Service
02073321002 | eeyservice@cityoflondon.gov.uk
www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/schooladmission



[City of London Primary Schools Admissions Video 2024-25 \(youtube.com\)](#)

[City of London Secondary Schools Admissions Video 2024-25 \(youtube.com\)](#)

[City of London In-Year Admissions Video 2024-25 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Click on the links above for more information!

Getting help with the cost of living

Get help with benefits, debts, housing costs, childcare costs and more.

Call City Advice on 020 7392 2919

Free advice is available to workers and students in the City, those living in the Square Mile and on a City of London Corporation estates.

Click on the link below for more information

[Getting help with the cost of living - City of London](#)



Time together booklet



This booklet provides support for multilingual families at home.

Parents and children spending time together,

singing songs, and sharing books in their home language are fantastic ways to support children's development.

The Time Together booklet is an easy-to-read guide that is full of suggestions for how parents of 3 to 5 year-olds can support their child's learning at home.

The booklet can be downloaded in 26 different languages for you to share with the multilingual families in your setting or community.

[Time together - support for multilingual families | National Literacy Trust](#)

The Benefits of bilingualism

Talking to your child in their home language positively impacts their development and well-being. It enables children to build a strong foundation in vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation, ultimately leading to greater fluency.

Bilingualism can enhance cognitive abilities, such as problem-solving skills, creativity, and critical thinking.

Research indicates that children who grow up speaking multiple languages often excel in cognitive tasks!

Using your home language also fosters a sense of cultural identity and a greater sense of belonging.

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