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Dear Parents/Carers of KS1 Children

Here at Bapchild, we are working hard to develop children's language and vocabulary.

In the lockdown weeks ahead, I wanted to offer some ideas for working with your children using some strategies that you can build into everyday conversation. I have worked with our fantastic Speech Therapist, Andrew Green, to put together some ideas for you to do use with your child.

- **Giving Instructions** – encouraging children to listen for two-step instructions, for instance, “can you find me **the red cup** in the cupboard **under the sink**” or “**first** tidy up your toys, **then** wash your hands”.
- **Barrier games** – you sit next to your child with a barrier between you (like a propped up book) and give each other instructions. For instance, both have the same colouring page and take it in turns to give instructions – “colour the hippo in orange”. Then compare at the end! If you google ‘barrier games’ there are lots of ideas.
- **Using different verbs** – Andrew feels this is key in helping your child develop their language. Roll up a piece of paper into a telescope and describe what you can see at the end of it – “I can see Mum *pouring* milk, Dad *looking* at his watch, Bobby *jumping* on the cushions”, try extending their verbs – rather than “doing the cat's breakfast” can they use “pouring” the milk, “scraping” the tin, “rinsing” the bowl.

If you would like any further ideas then do feel free to get in touch. My email address is leyla.gambell@bapchild.kent.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

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