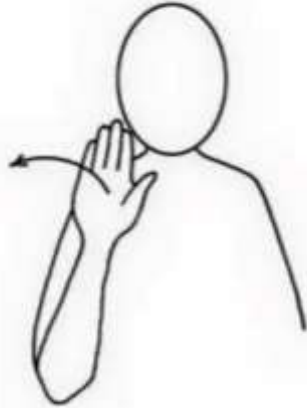


Dear Parents and Carers,

Each week, we are all learning one **Makaton** sign. This week the sign is 'hello'.

Make sign at shoulder height.



Here is Debbie demonstrating the 'hello' sign:
[Makaton sign of the week: Hello \(youtube.com\)](#)

Can everyone in your family sign hello?

Why use Makaton?

Research has shown that children who are taught to sign early in their life end up with better skills in reading and spelling later in life.

When using Makaton, children are practising and developing their fine motor skills.

Makaton helps to bring everyone together and involves everyone. Using Makaton at home and in nursery can help the children have a sense of importance, boost their self-confidence alongside their language and communication skills.

An old-fashioned tip to ensure your child's gloves don't go missing: Sew each glove to the end of a long piece of elastic. then thread up one arm of the coat and down the other. Alternatively please name the gloves and hats as so many are going missing. Thank you for your support.

Do check to see if you are eligible for funding for your two year old: [Upcoming changes to childcare support](#)
[Childcare choices](#)

Any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Sally

(Headteacher)



Helping you...

Is your child turning 2?



Look out for a letter from the NHS inviting your child to their 27 month health review. If your child goes to nursery or pre-school or has a childminder, they will also be offered a progress check.



Scan the QR code to find out more, or visit:
surreycc.gov.uk/reviewsabage2
Call Surrey-wide 0-19 Advice Line on 01883 340 922.



Does your child watch YouTubeKids?

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

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Dates for your diary:

5th-9th February: Come and play sessions in nursery for parents.

12th-16th February: Nursery closed for half-term.

28th February: parent meetings with Key Person.

4th March: Ducklings arrive in nursery!

25th-28th March: Come and play sessions in nursery for parents.

28th March: Term ends at 12pm for the Spring/Easter holiday.

Tuesday 16th April: Children return to nursery.