



*Glue Ear Together*

**Parents and professionals  
together for children  
with glue ear**



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Working together with families, education and health, to provide clear, up-to-date information that promotes positive outcomes for children with glue ear



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# Ways to support a child with glue ear



## **Attention**

It is important to get your child's attention before starting to talk to them.



## **Background noise**

Trying to make sense of speech when there are lots of competing sounds will be very difficult. It will be much easier to hear speech in a quiet room e.g. turn the television off.



## **Clear speech**

Get closer and speak clearly, avoid speaking from a distance and shouting. In group settings, ensure that your child is seated at the front, closest to the speaker.



## **Don't smoke**

Ensure that your child is not exposed to passive smoking as this increases the risk of colds and chest infections and makes it more likely for glue ear to develop.



## **Encourage**

Listening with glue ear is hard work and tiring. Try to give your child extra clues and repeat instructions to help them to hear speech.



## **Face to face**

Make sure that your face can be clearly seen. Use visual aids and gestures to promote understanding of the spoken word.



## **Give more time to respond**

Your child will be working hard to process what they have heard, particularly if they are listening in noise.

