**Manchester Local Care Organisation**

**Children’s Speech and Language Therapy Service**

**Advice for Parents and Carers:**

**One Child, Two Languages: Double the Fun!**

**Is it a problem for children to learn two languages at the same time?**

* Children can often learn two or three languages easily. It takes time to learn a new language well.
* At first, children might mix languages. This is normal.
* Keep using your home language. Read books and talk together in that language. This helps them learn all languages better.
* Sometimes, children have trouble talking or understanding. This can happen even if they are learning two languages.
* If a child has a lot of trouble with their home language, talk to someone like your child’s nursery or contact the speech and language therapy team.

**Why is it important to speak to your child in your own language?**

* A child’s home language is very important. It can help them learn other languages more easily, such as English.
* It is best to use your own language with your child. You know it best, and it is natural for you. Using your language helps your child connect with family and culture.
* Knowing more than one language is very helpful for school and life!

**Key points:**

* The best language a parent or carer can use to speak to their child is their own language.
* Most children can learn two or three languages at the same time.
* It is important for your child to learn your home language.