

Maintain your language.

ENHANCE YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE.

- It is a great advantage for children to be able to speak, read and write the language of their parents or main carers: it is important for their sense of identity and belonging, and it will help them to succeed at school.
- Children learn best from people who speak the language well.
- Encourage your children to speak the family language.
- Speaking the language of the home will not interfere with your child's learning of English.
- Developing literacy in their home language and English helps children to become better readers, listeners and communicators.



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Mother Tongues is a non-for profit organization aimed at promoting multilingualism in Ireland.

We work with schools, families, community groups and artists through a range of activities that allow children to experience language in new and exciting ways outside the home environment.

We believe that parents and educators need to learn about bilingualism (and plurilingualism), children need to experience their heritage language and communities need to come together and enjoy linguistic diversity.

Home Language Survey

Student Name: _____

Class: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

1. In what language(s) would your family prefer to communicate with the school? _____

2. What language(s) did your child learn first? _____

3. What language does your child use the most at home? _____

4. What language(s) do the adults speak to the child? _____

5. At what age did your child start to speak English? _____



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