

## Welcoming Families to the School

- Would a home visit prior to the first day at school be useful?
- Have welcome signs displayed in many languages  
([www.schoolslink.co.uk](http://www.schoolslink.co.uk))
- Parents may feel shy or reluctant to speak due to limited level of spoken English
- Invite parents into school and involve them in school activities
- Provide materials for parents where possible in their home language
- Offer the support of an interpreter (family members or friends might be able to help)
- Respect cultural differences. Some parents do not expect to be involved with school
- Explain letters verbally if they can not be translated
- Encourage use of the home language. (Many parents want their children to only speak English but it is important to maintain their home language too).
- Encourage contact with other parents