Dear Parents and Carers

Here at Coventry Music we understand that you will want to continue, wherever possible, to provide your children with a varied, interesting and engaging selection of activities while they are not at school or unable to attend their regular Early Years Childminder, Playgroup or Nursery. Please consider including music within your day as musical learning ignites all areas of child development. Singing with your children while they are at home will promote skills such as listening, turn-taking and co-operation. It is also a great tool to get children moving, encourages creativity and sparks imagination and it has been proven to improve vocabulary and speech acquisition.

Above all though, music is a wonderful way of expressing oneself and conveying emotion. Singing releases endorphins, the brain’s ‘feel-good’ chemicals and we all need a bit of this at the moment. I have made a list of a few songs that you may be able to sing with your little ones at home – keep checking the website as I will be updating these song suggestions – the next group of songs to be added will include songs about weather, transport and food. In addition to singing with your child you could also

* Make up actions to your favourite songs
* Have a go at making your own musical instruments at home or, simply using wooden spoons or saucepans, find the heartbeat of the music (which we call the pulse) within each song, and tap along
* Choose familiar tunes like ‘Twinkle Twinkle Little Star’ or ‘Frere Jacques’ and try and make up your own words to fit in with an activity you have enjoyed with your child
* Children are used to having songs in their nurseries/playgroups/schools to signify certain times of the day or particular activities – you could try and make up a tidy up song, a washing hands song, or a lunchtime song
* Encourage your child to listen to various different styles of music from different times periods in history, different countries and different genres
* Use the items you have to hand like your child’s toys, any pieces of material you may have, play dough or water to encourage musical play.
* Encourage your child to teach you a song they know
* Include older siblings – they might enjoy it more than you first think!

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| **NUMBER**  1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive  6,7,7,8,9,10 then I let it go again.  Why did you let it go?  Because it bit my finger so  Which finger did it bite?  This little finger on the right. <https://youtu.be/9DhrgXCVHVk>  5 little ducks went out one day  Over the hills and far away  Mother duck said’ “Quack quack quack quack”  And only 4 little ducks came back.  (and so on) <https://youtu.be/pZw9veQ76fo>  5 currant buns in a baker’s shop  Round and fat with a cherry on the top  Along came ‘…….’ with a penny to pay  Bought a currant bun and took it away.  <https://youtu.be/-mi79hRcSXI>  5 cheeky monkeys jumping on the bed  One fell off and bumped his head  Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said,  “No more monkeys jumping on the bed!”  (and so on)  <https://youtu.be/0j6AZhZFb7A>  5 little men in flying saucer  Flew round the world one day  They looked left and right  And they couldn’t stand the sight  So one man flew away  (and so on)  <https://youtu.be/7_1-TrP9jwA>  1 potato, 2 potato, 3 potato 4  5 potato, 6 potato, 7 potato more  <https://youtu.be/efMHLkyb7ho>  Peter hammers with one hammer  One hammer, one hammer  Peter hammers with one hammer  All day long (and so on) <https://youtu.be/iFmiz3cvCcY>    When I was one I played the drum  The day I went to sea  I jumped aboard a pirate ship  and the captain said to me  We’re going this way, that way, forwards, backwards,  Over the Irish sea  A bottle of rum to fill my tum  And that’s the life for me!  When I was two I buckled my shoe…  When I was three I grazed my knee…  When I was four I knocked on the door…  When I was five I learned to dive…  <https://youtu.be/iFmiz3cvCcY> | **GENERAL**  Wind the bobbin up  Wind the bobbin up  Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap,  Wind it back again  Wind it back again  Pull, pull, clap, clap, clap  Point to the ceiling, point to the floor  Point to the window, point to the door  Clap your hands together 1,2,3  Put your hands upon your knee  <https://youtu.be/WwdxJnAA6CI>  When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears  Oh what did her blue eyes see?  A bowl that was huge, a bowl that was small and a bowl that was tiny and that was all  She counted them 1,2,3  *Same again for chair*  *Same again for bed*  When Goldilocks ran from the house of the bears  Oh what did her blue eyes see?  A bear that was huge, a bear that was small and a bear that was tiny and that was all  They growled at her grrrr… grrrr… grrrr!  <https://youtu.be/PFXE3zvXbjc>  When all the cows were sleeping  And the sun had gone to bed  Up jumped the scarecrow and this s what he said  I’m a Dingle dangle scarecrow  With a flippy floppy hat  I can shake my hands like this  I can shake my feet like that  When all the hens were roosting  And the moon behind the cloud  Up jumped the scarecrow and shouted very loud  I’m a dingle dangle scarecrow…  <https://youtu.be/CtRgy-8Q0SE>  I’m a little teapot short and stout  Here’s my handle  Here’s my spout  When the tea is ready hear me shout  Tip me up and pour me out. <https://youtu.be/ZxOaZzoPIJ4>  Oh The grand old Duke of York  He had ten thousand men  He marched them up them up to the top of the hill  And he marched them down again  And when they were up, they were up  And when they were down, they were down  And when they were only half way up  They were neither up nor down. <https://youtu.be/cPZDzc-tmu0>  Tommy Thumb, Tommy Thumb  Where are you?  Here I am, here I am  How do you do?  *Repeat for Peter Pointer*  *Repeat for Middle Man*  *Repeat for Ruby Ring*  *Repeat for Baby Small*  *Repeat for fingers all*  <https://youtu.be/Nj3QkN6mHbM>  Head, shoulders, knees and toes  Knees and toes  Head, shoulders, knees and toes  Knees and toes  And eyes and ears and mouth and nose  Head, shoulders, knees and toes  Knees and toes  *Then repeat but missing out head*  *Then repeat but missing out head and shoulders*  *Then repeat but missing out head, shoulders and knees*  *Then repeat but missing out head, shoulders, knees and toes*  *Then repeat with all of the words out back in.*  <https://youtu.be/fvEtwhui1k0>  Down in the jungle where nobody goes  I saw an elephant washing his clothes  With a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub there  That’s the way an elephant washes his clothes  Diddly-eye-di boogie woogie woogie  Diddly-eye-di boogie woogie woogie  Diddly-eye-di boogie woogie woogie  That’s the way an elephant washes his clothes  *Repeat for crocodile*  *Repeat for snake*  *Repeat for monkey*  *Repeat for lion*  <https://youtu.be/rVgIZ_-akvw> | **SPRINGTIME**  There’s a tiny caterpillar on a leaf  (wriggle wriggle)  There’s a tiny caterpillar on a leaf  (wriggle wriggle)  There’s a tiny caterpillar, tiny caterpillar  There’s a tiny caterpillar on a leaf  (wriggle wriggle)  She will eat the leaves around her till she’s full (munch munch) etc…  A cocoon is what she’s spinning for her home (spin spin) etc…  Then she’ll be a butterfly and fly away (flap flap) etc…  So this tiny caterpillar went like this (wiggle, wiggle, munch, much, spin, spin, flap, flap) <https://youtu.be/A-zQ82yN68I>  Chick, chick, chick, chick, chicken  Lay a little egg for me  Chick, chick, chick, chick, chicken  I want one for my tea  I haven’t had an egg since breakfast  And now it’s half past three so…  Chick, chick, chick, chick, chicken  Lay a little egg for me  <https://youtu.be/BUBq5RsIYDg>  There’s a worm at the bottom of the garden  And its name is Wiggly Woo  There’s a worm at the bottom of the garden  And all that it can do  Is wiggle all night and wiggle all day  Whatever else the people do say  There’s a worm at the bottom of the garden and its name is wiggly woo.  <https://youtu.be/XKQemb4mEmE>  The farmer plants the seeds  The farmer plants the seeds  Hi ho the dairy-o  The farmer plants the seeds  *Repeat for The sun comes out to shine*  *Repeat for The rain begins to fall*  *Repeat for The seeds begin to grow*  *Repeat for The vegetables are here*  *Repeat for The farmer digs them up*  *Repeat for Now it’s time to eat*  <https://youtu.be/cRhGOdqWIIo>  Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose  Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose  Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his nose  So he flipped it and he flapped it  And the fly flew away  Floppy ears and curly whiskers  Floppy ears and curly whiskers  Floppy ears and curly whiskers  So he flipped it and he flapped it  And the fly flew away  <https://youtu.be/h8jrmf5xqlA>  Little birdies in the air  Sing like birdies everywhere  Little birdies like to sing  Sing a song of Spring, Spring, Spring  Little birdies in the trees  Hear them singing in the breeze  Little birdies on the wing  Sing a song of Spring, Spring Spring  Oh when those birdies come to town  Tweet tweet tweet they flap around  They sing and dance on birdie feet  Tweet tweet tweet that Springtime beat  Little birdies come along  Sing your favourite Springtime song  Little birdies time to sing  Sing that song of Spring, Spring, Spring  *Call and response middle section*  *Repeat from beginning*  <https://youtu.be/_njojasDTi4> |

Please don’t think you have to be a virtuoso musician to effectively deliver musical learning wherever you are. You are probably doing most of this already without even thinking about it. Above all, enjoy sharing music within your homes.

Here some links to other music activities you may interested in.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx>

<https://www.soundabout.org.uk/>

<http://www.musicandmovement.org.uk/learning-resources>

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/>

Happy singing everyone!

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