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**To:** All Heads of College Network, Heads and Managers of Childcare and Kindergarten Centres (State and Non-State)

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**Subject:** Teach your Baby to Read

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Babies learn language by absorbing information through their senses of hearing and sight as they learn to process the meanings behind those sights and sounds. They use their mouths, tongues, and ears as they learn to mimic the sounds of other people in order to create their own sounds and communications. This spoken language development compliments the child's literacy achievement later on in life. Therefore, it is essential that parents/guardians are aware of how to encourage their baby's language development in a meaningful way and how to expose them to age-appropriate reading books.

The National Literacy Agency is organising online live seminars for families expecting a baby. During these seminars issues such as how to encourage the development of emergent literacy skills, even before babies are born, will be discussed. These seminars are run in collaboration with Parentcraft Services. Families may choose whether to attend a talk in Maltese or in English.

These seminars are organised live on Microsoft Teams. Families can attend the two sessions and participating families who attend both seminars may obtain a free pack of literacy resources from the National Literacy Agency, Joseph Abela Scolaro Street, Ħamrun.

For more information about dates, time and to reserve a place phone 2598 2999 or send an email to [aqra.storja@ilearn.edu.mt](mailto:aqra.storja@ilearn.edu.mt)

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Thank you for your cooperation,

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