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What is Family Learning ?

Fully funded* Family Learning courses are a great way to support parents, carers and wider family members to support their child's learning and development at home.

A family learning course is:

- Fun, practical and engaging and provide learning activities for families to follow up at home, building on what children are learning in school or nursery
- Relaxed, friendly and inclusive and provide a supportive environment to help parents update and refresh their own skills and build confidence
- A way to support parents to support their child with homework and to help them understand current teaching methods
- Linked to the Primary National Curriculum or the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework
- An opportunity to build links between home and school/nursery
- A step into wider learning opportunities for parents
- Run by qualified, friendly and experienced tutors



Funding may be available towards registered childcare to enable parents to attend. (A crèche may be provided by the host venue or registered childcare costs refunded, depending on circumstances. Please contact us for more information.)

Family English, Maths, IT and ESOL courses provide a focus on core skills and are designed to enable parents to make progress at their own level. Current teaching methods are introduced so parents can more effectively support their child's learning.



Wider Family Learning courses offer families the chance to work together across a range of subjects and topics and develop a wide variety of skills. These courses also build confidence and promote a love of learning.

Non-accredited Family Learning courses are normally fully funded for all parents who are aged 19+ and have been resident in the EEA for over 3 years.

A flexible approach

Some Family Learning courses are primarily designed for parents and children to work together - this is when the full impact of Family Learning is achieved. The exact timings can be negotiated to suit. Sometimes we realise that it might not be possible to facilitate the joint session so please do discuss with us as we are very flexible.

Family learning online

In response to Covid19 some of our Family Learning courses have moved online. Online courses tend to be for the adults only – with follow-up work to be done with the children between sessions. All online courses are delivered via Google Classroom.

To access a Family Learning Online course:

- Parents can book through the website - these courses are open to all parents and carers across the county and parents can be signposted: www.cambsals.co.uk
- If you have a particular course in mind that you would like to offer to a group of families or year-group in your setting that is not currently available online, please get in touch and we will do our best to meet your needs.



Next steps & accredited learning

We are keen to support learners who would like to progress on to further learning following a Family Learning course. As well as offering Family Learning courses in your setting, please consider signposting families to our wider programme of adult education opportunities. Many courses are fully funded, depending on circumstances. Our current online brochure can always be found on our website www.cambsals.co.uk or we can provide copies of the brochure in hard format for you to share with parents.

We can also offer onsite progression courses if you have a group of parents who would like to improve their own skills and gain qualifications.

Award in Preparing to Work in Schools

Functional Skills Maths or English

Essential Digital Skills

ESOL Qualifications in Reading, Writing or Speaking and Listening

Award in Horticulture

Award in Volunteering

Award in Health and Care

Award in Preparing for Self-Employment

And many more...



What you can expect from us

We will work with you to identify the most appropriate Family Learning provision for your setting. Once agreed, we will provide you with marketing materials to share with parents and are available to answer any questions you may have about eligibility for funding.

We will provide a fully qualified tutor who will plan learning to suit the needs of the families enrolled on the course and, where necessary, additional learning support. We will also provide careers information and guidance to enrolled parents to support them to progress on to further learning and employment.

At the end of the course, we can provide a summary of feedback received from parents to help you assess the impact Family Learning is having in your setting.

What will you need to provide?

You will need to provide an appropriate space for learning to take place on your premises. Before the course starts, we will visit and complete a health and safety check and risk assessment and complete a Service Level Agreement with you.

You will also need to promote the courses and take details of parents wishing to enrol onto the programme. Please note all courses need a minimum number of 6 parents enrolled to be able to run.

If we have agreed to a joint session with the children as part of the course you will need to support with ensuring children are available and are brought to the session at the agreed time.

English and Literacy based Courses

Name	Description	Sessions	Parents of
Story Sacks	<p>A relaxed and fun course to support parents to get the most out of sharing books with their child.</p> <p>At the start of each session parents will learn about different ways to use props, puppets and other supporting resources to nurture a love of reading in their child. Parents will then create a personal Story Sack for their child, based around a book of their choice. This course also develops parents' confidence and creative skills alongside improving their own literacy skills.</p> <p>Resources including a choice of books are all provided.</p>	<p>A two hour weekly session for 10 weeks.</p> <p>Children join the session for the last 30 mins to take part in a fun learning activity</p>	Reception and year 1



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Keeping up with the Children - English	<p>An introduction to some of the key skills for supporting children's development of writing, reading, speaking and listening.</p> <p>Parents/carers will develop their understanding of how English is taught in KS1 and KS2.</p> <p>There will be opportunity to brush up on their understanding of some of the terminology their children will be using and to explore effective ways to support their child's learning using games and everyday activities</p> <p>Building confidence in their own literacy skills can also support progression into further learning or employment</p>	<p>Adults only</p> <p>A two hour weekly session for 5 weeks</p>	KS1 or KS2
Family English	<p>Current teaching methods and expectations in schools are covered, along with a practical range of strategies and games to support children's learning.</p> <p>Parents will have to opportunity to put what they learn in each session into practice in the 30 minutes at the end of the session when their child will join them to take part in a fun learning activity together</p>	<p>A two hour weekly session for 10 weeks.</p> <p>Children join the session for the last 30 mins to take part in the fun</p>	KS1 or KS2

Maths based Courses

Name	Description	Sessions	Parents of
Keeping up with the Children - Maths	<p>An introduction to some of the key skills for supporting children's development of skills in number. Parents/carers will develop their understanding of how Maths is taught in KS1 and KS2.</p> <p>There will be opportunity to brush up on their understanding of some of the terminology their children will be using and explore effective ways to support their child's learning using games and everyday activities</p> <p>Building confidence in their own numeracy skills can also support progression into further learning or employment</p>	<p>Adults only</p> <p>A two hour weekly session for 5 weeks</p>	KS1 or KS2
Family Maths	<p>Current teaching methods and expectations in schools are covered, along with a practical range of strategies and games to support children's learning.</p> <p>Parents will have to opportunity to put what they learn in each session into practice in the 30 minutes at the end of the session when their child will join them to take part in a fun learning activity together</p>	<p>A two hour weekly session for 10 weeks.</p> <p>Children join the session for the last 30 mins to take part in the fun</p>	KS1 or KS2

Wider Family Learning Courses

Name	Description	Sessions	Parents of
Let's Talk	<p>This course supports families who may be struggling to communicate effectively at home and is usually targeted at specific families identified by Family Support Workers or teachers.</p> <p>Exploring strategies such as positive language, effective praise and the value of play this course gives parents an opportunity to share their own experiences, build a support network and try new games and activities in a one-to-one joint session with their child, free from distractions.</p>	<p>A two hour weekly session for 10 weeks.</p> <p>Children join the session for the last 30 mins to take part in a fun learning activity</p>	KS1 and KS2
<i>Family Budgeting</i>	Covering general household budgeting skills and ways to make money go further. Parents will learn the importance of and strategies to support the development of money skills in their children whilst also developing their own skills to save money on purchases and household services and demystify some of the jargon surrounding managing finances	A two hour session weekly for 5 weeks.	KS2

Name	Description	Sessions	Parents of
Starting School	<p>For parents of children due to start in reception in September this course is normally run during the second half of the summer term.</p> <p>It enables parents to familiarise themselves with the school and the EYFS framework and introduces strategies for supporting a child's learning at home with fun games and activities.</p> <p>Exploring what is meant by being 'schools ready' can enable parents support their child to develop useful skills over the summer holiday.</p> <p>Please note – it is very beneficial if a visit to reception can be arranged as part of the final session so parents can see EYFS learning in action and familiarise themselves with the learning environment.</p>	<p>A two hour weekly session for 5 weeks</p> <p>Where possible a joint session can be arranged for the last 30 mins (ie. Where the feeder nursery or pre-school is attached to the school)</p>	Children starting school in September
Family Digital Skills	<p>Exploring the many benefits ICT and digital skills can bring to a child's learning, whilst also building on the skills and confidence of the parent. Parents will learn about some of the fantastic educational apps and websites that are available and how these can be used to support learning across the curriculum.</p> <p>We also look at staying safe online and explore strategies around setting and reinforcing realistic boundaries for devices in the home environment.</p> <p>Building confidence in their own digital skills can also support parents' progression into further learning or employment</p>	<p>A two hour weekly session for 5 weeks</p> <p>Children can join the session for the last 30 mins to join their parent in a digital activity if appropriate.</p>	KS1 and KS2



Name	Description	Sessions	Parents of
Family ESOL	<p>For parents and carers who are speakers of other languages, this course is informal, friendly and offers the opportunity to practice entry level English Speaking and Listening skills.</p> <p>Topics will be based on family life and include childcare, school, health and family relationships.</p>	<p>A two hour weekly session for a flexible number of weeks depending on the group's needs.</p> <p>Joint session if appropriate</p>	EYFS, KS1 and KS2
Confidence and Wellbeing	<p>Parents will learn the foundational skills of mindfulness, healthy living, and wellbeing, and how to incorporate them into their daily lives to have a positive impact on both the parent's and the family's well-being.</p> <p>Building parents confidence and supporting them to take their first steps back into learning.</p>	<p>Adults only</p> <p>A two hour weekly session for 5 weeks</p>	Any age





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