

Family Learning with The Learning Place



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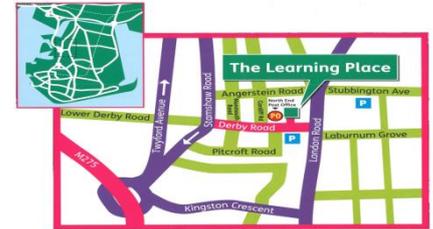
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Our Mission Statement

The Community Learning Service seeks to secure a high quality community learning programme which meets local need. The programme will focus on widening participation, developing communities, improving health and wellbeing, increasing skills and supporting personal progression.

Who Are We?

The Community Learning Service (CLS) is part of - Portsmouth City Council - and has a dedicated Family Learning Team. As a provider of education CLS is subject to Ofsted and during our last inspection February 2016 the effectiveness of the service was Good (2).

What Ofsted said about Family Learning:

- *Good partnerships with local schools support family learning sessions that enable parents to help their children with their learning.*
- *Family learning is good. Tutors work in close partnership with schools to ensure learning meets the needs of parents and their children. Learners speak highly of this learning and they rapidly gain an improved understanding of how their children learn.*
- *Managers maintain good community and employer partnerships and have a good awareness of the needs of local employers and the community; this is reflected in the wide range of community learning courses.*

The full copy of the Ofsted report can be found at:

<http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/53941>

Family Learning has been on offer to schools in Portsmouth since 1998 and is funded by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

Family Learning gives the opportunity for parents to come and learn new skills. For part of the session parents and children will work alongside each other. We've included information on the courses that are available.

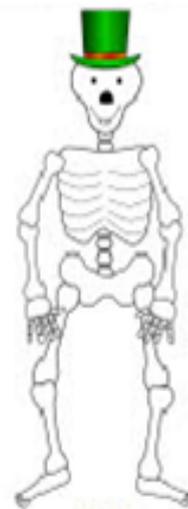
Our courses are generally 12 hours long and can be run as 4x3hr morning sessions or 6x2hr afternoon sessions.

We recommend running an 1½ hr workshop before the course to engage with and recruit families.



Recruitment workshops

Workshops are generally art based, depending on the theme, with links to Functional English, maths and Science.



Themes include:

- Harry Potter
- Healthy Lunchbox
- Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Tinga Tinga Tales
- Funny Bones
- Elmer
- Out of this World
- Seasonal Arts and Crafts

Learn with My Child

These courses offer parents the background knowledge and confidence to help their children's learning at home and support progress in school. They also enable the adults to renew or extend their own learning by being signposted onto courses at The Learning Place which may lead to a qualification in English and / or Maths. There is also an opportunity to have access to a National Career Service consultation.

The format of these courses is an adult only session which gives adults the opportunity to refresh and challenge their knowledge followed by a 30 - 45mins joint sessions where they will work with their child.

All courses are designed to encourage children's social, emotional and behavioural development.

We recommend the following courses are delivered to year R and years 1 and 2.

Story Books

This course is aimed at Early Years parents / carers and explores English and maths through story books.

Main topics include:

- Having fun with books
- Encourage sharing books at home
- Develop speaking and listening skills
- Developing story ideas into arts and crafts activities



Family Skills

This course aims to help improve the literacy skills of year R & KS1 pupils with EAL through supporting their parents and carers who are speakers of other languages (ESOL) to develop their own skills, knowledge and confidence about how they can support their children's literacy skills.



English

Main topics include:

- Looking at the National Curriculum requirements
- Developing technical language
- Speaking and listening
- Reading, spelling, writing

Activities include extending storybooks through craft, playing games, participating in quizzes and links to appropriate apps and websites.



Maths

Main topics include:

- Looking at the National Curriculum requirements
- Maths language and terminology
- Number
- Fractions
- Shape
- Measure
- Statistics



Activities include practical maths skills, making models, playing games links to appropriate apps and websites and everyday maths at home.

Seasonal Arts and Crafts

This course enables parents/carers to try different methods of arts and crafts which they can easily replicate at home with their children. It emphasises the maths and English that are threaded through each activity.

Main benefits:

- Spending one to one with their child
- Meeting other parents
- Improving self-confidence, knowledge and understanding of everyday maths and English skills
- Experience a range of crafts



We recommend the following courses are delivered to year 3 and 4.

Science

Main topics include:

- Looking at the National Curriculum requirements
- Science language and terminology
- Irreversible changes
- Light
- Animals and plants
- Space



Activities include making models, playing games, participating in quizzes and links to appropriate apps and websites.

Family Fortunes

This course is targeted at families who have children in KS2 (7 to 11 years old)

The course content includes

- Budgeting
- Understanding needs versus wants
- Combating Pester Power
- Using number to support ks2
- Accessing tools and resources to save money on essential family expenditure



Parent only course - these two courses are designed solely for parents/carers to enable them to boost their self-confidence and esteem.

Parent Power

Parents will learn how to:

- Manage their child's behaviour
- Meet other parents and discuss parenting experiences
- Discuss ways of encouraging good behaviour
- Understand the importance of praise



Supporting Children with Extra Needs

- This practical course will help to develop parents' skills in the following areas
- Understand their child's learning style
- Importance of learning through play
- Practical English & maths activities



Confidence Building

An opportunity for parents to develop their own self-confidence.

Main topics include:

- Assertiveness
- Body Language
- Communication skills
- Listening skills
- Stress management
- Practical exercises



Bespoke courses

If your school has a particular focus or theme we are happy to tailor our courses / workshops to your requirements. For example: Learning in the local Environment, Nursery Rhymes and Dads and kids - to encourage Dads involvement with their child's learning.

Interested in finding out more about Family Learning?

More recommendations surrounding the benefits of Family Learning can be found in the recent publication of the Fair Education Alliance - Report Card 2015 - which now explicitly supports family learning as an approach to engage parents to narrow attainment gaps. See Recommendations (page 13, section on Parental engagement) and Conclusions (page 34).

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Further Information

Family Learning courses are free for parents/carers and their children.

Recruitment is the responsibility of the school however, we will support with advice, flyers and workshops. A minimum of 8 learners is required to make the course viable.

We ask that suitable accommodation is provided, an enclosed room with adult sized furniture and access to refreshments and toilets.

We are no longer able to provide crèches and therefore unable to accommodate pre-school children at any of the courses.

For further information or to arrange a meeting to discuss Family Learning provision in your school please contact Sue Parkes at sue.parkes@portsmouthcc.gov.uk