

Family Literacy/Numeracy

How to get the parents to attend:-

- Presentation in school by the Family Learning tutor to demonstrate games/activities parents can make and then use with their children at home. This to be in the form of a coffee morning or at a parents evening or meeting.
- A free childcare can be provided wherever feasible.
- Letters of invitation to be sent to parents.
- Posters to be displayed in school.
- Specific families to be targeted by the school.
- 'Goodie bag' to be given out throughout the course as a means of retaining the parents. Could include child scissors, pencil, plastic wallets for games, dice, a book, pritt stick, felt pens, whiteboards, a rubber etc.
- A display board with photographs and examples of activities parents have taken part in with their children.
- Class teacher/Head to personally invite parents to attend.
- Word-of-mouth support from parents already on course or on previous course.
- A parent who has attended a previous course in the school may be encouraged to talk to new parents at the coffee morning.

The course is designed to be flexible, it is hoped that the above framework can be used as a basis for discussion, ideas are welcomed and changes expected!

It is hoped that together we can plan a Family Literacy/Numeracy course that will be a success at your school.

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How the course will run:-

- **Course is free to all parents.**
- The Family Learning Tutor will work with the parents only for part of the morning/afternoon session (approximately one and a half hours).
- The parents will work with their children in school alongside the class teacher and the Family Learning tutor for the remainder of the session.
- Supply cover is available for each of the 10-12 sessions. This cover is to allow the class teacher to work with the parents, their children and the Family Learning Tutor.
- Supply cover is also available for joint planning sessions, (Family Learning tutor and the school's designated teacher).

How the course will be planned and resourced:-

- Family Learning tutor and the school's designated teacher will plan the joint sessions (parent, child, class teacher and Family Learning tutor).
- Parent only sessions to be linked to joint sessions.
- Family Learning tutor to plan games/activities for parents to take home to use with child at home.
- Sessions could include :-
 - looking at books
 - playing games
 - completing activities based on work in the classroom
 - visits
 - planning an event to be held in school
 - cooking
 - craft activity
 - listening to a visitor in school
 - simple computer skills

**All resources for use by parents will be provided by the
Family Learning Tutor.**

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The aim of this course is:

- To improve the literacy/numeracy skills of the family.

Who the course is aimed at:-

- Parents who may not have any or who have few formal qualifications.
- Parents who did not attend school on a regular basis.
- Parents who have a poor image of schools and/or education in general.
- Parents who had problems at school.
- Parents whose children may be experiencing some difficulties in school with their own literacy/numeracy work.
- Parents who lack confidence in their own ability to help their children at home.

What will the course achieve?

- Parents can achieve accreditation issued by the Open College Network.
- Parents will become more competent in their own literacy/numeracy skills.
- Parents will develop some understanding of how literacy/numeracy is taught in schools.
- The literacy/numeracy skills of the child will improve through the extra support available at school and from the support given by the parent.

How long will the course last?

- Parents are expected to attend for at least 30 hours in total, that is 3 hours per week for 10 or more weeks.
- Parents, grandparents or carers can attend. If the family member cannot attend on a regular basis, another family member could replace them.