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Family Learning

What does it mean for me and my child?



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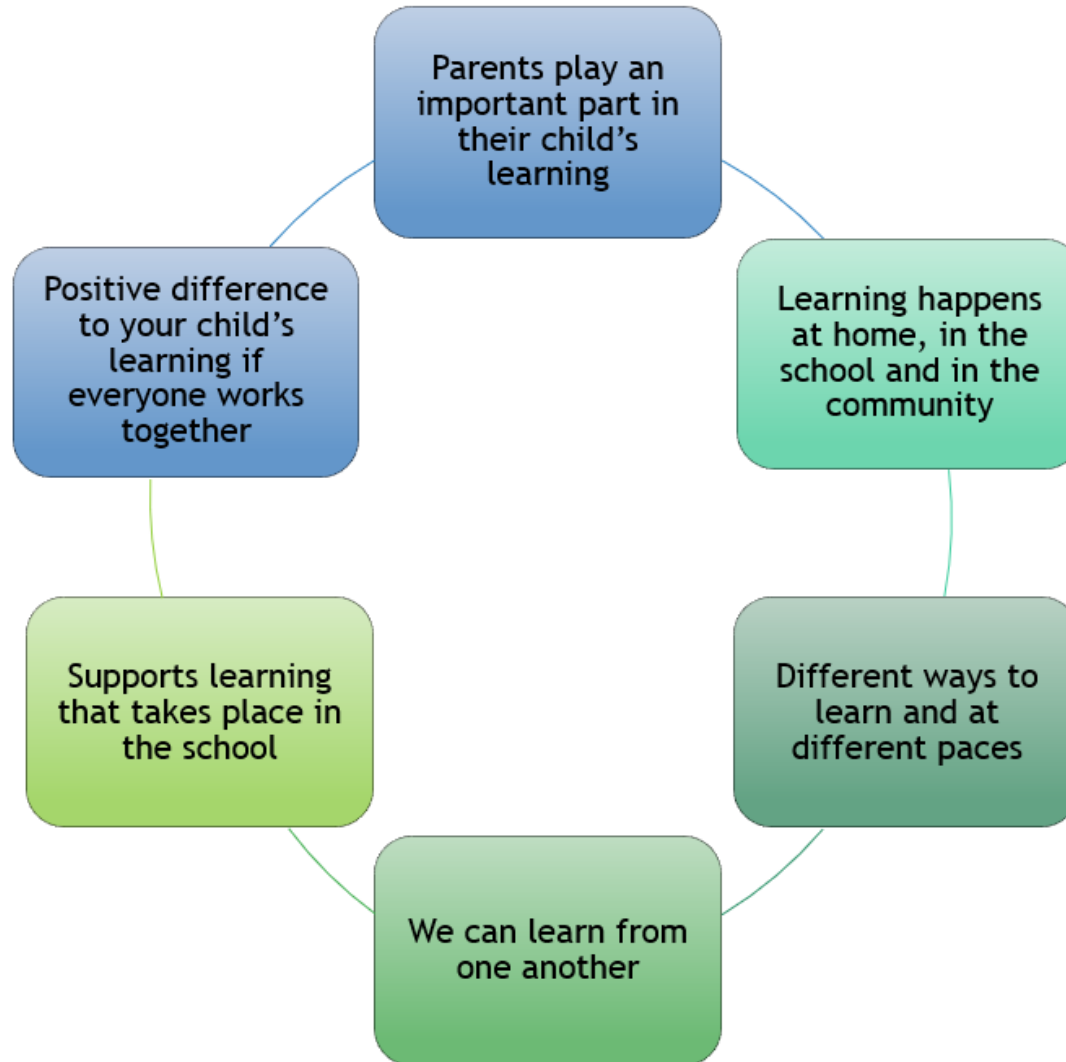
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Definition of Family Learning

- ▶ family members learning together in everyday situations, and can include reading, writing, numbers, money, and health and wellbeing
- ▶ about life and social skills such as, teamwork, resilience and building confidence
- ▶ about positive relationships within the family
- ▶ about positive relationships with the school
- ▶ being more connected your community
- ▶ a good way to support your child's learning and can support your learning as a parent
- ▶ a way to lead to other adult learning and training



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The Principles of Family Learning



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Family Learning Activities

- ▶ Making links with the school to better understand what is being taught at school
- ▶ Reading with your child and encouraging them to read independently.
- ▶ Learning to help you to support your child at different stages to develop numeracy
- ▶ Research a topic for your child's homework or for interest
- ▶ Understanding your role as a Digital Parent



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Learning Together



- ▶ You can and do support your child's learning throughout their life, and this can happen through a range of everyday activities which can be informative and fun
- ▶ Parents can worry that they don't have all the knowledge or skills to support their child's learning and especially with homework
- ▶ Showing an interest and encouragement can make a big difference to your child's attainment



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Your thoughts...

- ▶ We are currently asking the views of parents regarding family learning. What are your thoughts on the questions below
- ▶ Do you agree with the definition of family learning?
- ▶ What are the key words you link with family learning?
- ▶ What family learning activities are you currently doing as a family?
- ▶ What other family learning activities would you like to do as a family?
- ▶ What learning would you like as a parent to support family learning?
- ▶ What would help you to participate in learning?



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Some family learning to try at home: Creating a story together

Making up a story together with your child is a fun activity that gets them thinking and speaking. Take turns adding bits to the story.

For example:

- ▶ There was once a...
- ▶ Whose name was...
- ▶ And lived in...

Fill in the blanks and think of other actions and characters you can add. It can be as silly as you like

Good to know

Children who make up stories and songs build their imagination and creative abilities



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Some family learning to try at home: Out and about

Next time you're out for a walk, you can practise chatting with your child about the things they see.

Decide something to look out for, then see who can spot the most. You can try:

- ▶ How many red cars can you see?
- ▶ How many buses can you see?
- ▶ How many traffic lights are there?
- ▶ How many dogs can you spot?
- ▶ How many squirrels are in the park?

This game helps your child pay attention to their surroundings and practise counting. These skills will be useful when they are at school.

Good to know

This activity gives you lots of opportunities to introduce objects in a fun and relaxed way. It helps with colour recognition, numbers and counting



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Some family learning to try at home: My favourite meal

Chatting and making things helps your child develop. With this support, they'll even do better at school by the time they start.

This activity asks your child to chat about foods they like.

First, you'll need:

- ▶ A paper plate (or circle of paper)
- ▶ Crayons or pencils
- ▶ Child-safe scissors
- ▶ Food magazines
- ▶ Glue

Talk to your child about foods they like, then look for pictures in the magazine. Help them cut out their favourites and stick them to their paper plate.

Good to know

Discussing your child's likes and dislikes helps them feel more confident in making decisions



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Some family learning to try at home: Memory Book

A fun indoor activity to do together and something special to keep. First, you'll need:

- ▶ A scrapbook
- ▶ Pens, pencils or crayons
- ▶ Photographs, magazines and catalogues
- ▶ Child-safe scissors
- ▶ Glue

Step 1: Help your child decorate the cover of the scrapbook and write their name on it.

Step 2: Help them choose their favourite things: books, toys, pets, people, TV shows. Help them draw them in the books.

Step 3: Pick out family photos and things they like from any magazines you have around the house. Stick them in together.

Step 4: Keep collecting things, like tickets, photos and drawings to add to the book.

Good to know

Children love to read about things they have done or about people important to them. Making a memory book is a way to build their self-esteem and confidence.



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Family learning to try at home: The memory game

This fun memory game will help your child communicate and solve problems.

First, gather some of your child's favourite toys, books and objects. They can help you with this. Put them together and talk about what's there.

Next, ask your child to close their eyes and turn around. Remove some of the items. Then get them to open their eyes and see if they can list what's missing.

You can play this game the other way around, with your child removing the items and testing your memory.

Good to know

This game helps to build concentration and memory.