



Family Learning with Oldham Lifelong Learning Service

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What is Family Learning?

Family Learning offers a range of free courses for parents/carers and children. Some courses focus on families learning together while others are for parents/carers only, with the emphasis on supporting the family.

Where are the courses held?

Courses take place in over 40 venues across the borough. These include local schools, lifelong learning centres, Surestart and Children's Centres and with many community groups.

Family Programmes include:

- **Early Start** - for families with children aged 0-3 years. Share ideas and activities that will help your child's language development while helping you to develop your own communication, language, literacy and numeracy skills.
- **Family Literacy and Language**
- **Family Literacy, Language and Numeracy**
- **Family Numeracy**

The above courses provide opportunities for:

- Parents/carers and children to learn together

- Children to receive additional support in the subject.
- Parents/carers to find out how to support their children's development in the subject and new methods taught in school.
- Parents/carers to gain a National qualification in the subject if desired.
- Meet other families and share ideas.

Keeping up with the Children

- English Language
- Literacy
- Numeracy

These courses are for parents/carers to find out how children are taught in school and support with homework. They provide excellent opportunities for brushing up on your own skills.

Say it, read it, write it - for parents/carers and children aged 3-5 years. Find out how to develop your child's communication skills; how children learn through play; about activities to share at home; and learning opportunities for yourself.

Money Matters - manage your family budgets, understand financial jargon, manage your money better and understand bank/building society statements.

Springboard – pointing you in the right direction
Identify the range of services and opportunities available for families in Oldham. You might want to find out about childcare opportunities or how to get some qualifications or training.

Wider Family Learning

1st Step Bite-Size Learning
Fun Days, Festivals and Events
Family Learning Week

Courses include:

Family Safety
Family Health
Helping your child with ICT
Helping your child with arts and crafts
Family Chef School

Family Spanish
Managing children's behaviour

Parent's Academy and Family Academy

These unique short courses provide the opportunity for parents/carers and families to try out a variety of different activities each week such as:

- Aromatherapy
- Healthy Eating and Smoothies
- First Aid
- Puppet Making
- Arts and Crafts
- Numeracy, Literacy and Computers

Family Academy courses run on Saturday mornings in various community venues.

Progression

Family Learning provides opportunities for parents to:

- Gain qualifications in national numeracy and literacy tests and accreditation through the Open College Network.
- Progress onto further learning opportunities such as ICT, ESOL, Skills for Life (English and Maths), Health, Art and Craft
- Move on to training for childcare, teaching assistants and working in schools.

How can I access the service?

For further information please contact the Family Learning Team by:

Telephoning 0161 770 8260/61/62/63

Emailing jane.slater@oldham.gov.uk

The Family Learning Unit is based at:

Werneth Park Centre, Frederick Street, Oldham, OL8 1RB

Comments and Complaints

If you have a comment you wish to make, you should talk to your tutor in the first instance. If you would prefer to have your compliment, complaint or suggestion dealt with formally and in confidence, please complete a compliment, complaint and suggestion form, available from all of our reception desks. You may also contact:

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We want to provide good quality services for people in Oldham and as we are a public service you have a say in what we do. We want you to be completely satisfied with our services but to ensure this we need to know what you think. What we do best? Where could we improve things? Do you have any ideas or suggestions? Only by listening to you can we give you the service you deserve.

If you wish to make a comment about our services you can email us on customer.feedback@oldham.gov.uk or you can phone us on 0161 770 4191 or you can write to:

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