



It's Your Child's Life Parental Engagement Programme

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HELPING PARENTS TO HELP THEIR CHILDREN CATCH UP ON LOST LEARNING

About Us

It's Your Life is a well-established, highly successful charity who three years ago, branched out to Liverpool to replicate the highly successful, 'It's Your Child's Life' programme across Merseyside. The programme encourages parents to become actively involved in their child's education, giving them a great start in their learning journey. Delivered by Ofsted rated 'Outstanding' teachers, with vast experience and proven reputation of working with families of children with SEND and EAL, the programme has been described as 'The Golden Ticket' between home and school. Through intensive support, parents are given guidance, advice, tips and tools they need to help their children to catch up on lost learning. With a sound knowledge and understanding of EYFS and Key Stage 1 curriculum, our teachers weave in activities in a fun, relaxed way to help parents develop skills, habits and routines that have a really positive impact on home and school life, helping their children to strive for and achieve excellence.

Why Choose Us?

- ✔ It's Your Child's Life' programme aims to narrow the gap that exists between disadvantaged pupils and their peers and has an outstanding proven track record. It has been delivered 46 times successfully to over 450 families in over 26 schools across Merseyside.
- ✔ Our teachers have a sound knowledge and understanding of the key principles that underpin DfE advice on catch up in EYFS and Key Stage 1.
- ✔ Our teachers have developed a programme which identifies prime areas of learning where parents can support their children to learn and thrive.
- ✔ Our teachers are Ofsted rated 'Outstanding' and SSAT Lead Practitioner.
- ✔ Our teachers have vast experience in working with families of children with SEND and EAL.
- ✔ Our teachers are skilled in building relational trust with parents to create a long-lasting home/school partnership.
- ✔ Our impact can be measured both quantitatively and qualitatively.
- ✔ Our impact testimonials from both parents and headteachers alike are fantastic. Please take a look at our webpage to read them!

What We Do

Catching up on lost learning is especially important for the most vulnerable pupils in order to close the attainment gap that exists between disadvantaged pupils and their peers. The programme is specifically designed for parents to give them a real insight into what their children are learning in school and how they are being taught so they can help their children catch up, consolidate and embed knowledge and skills. The programme usually runs for 12 weeks (one 1.5 hour session per week) and is delivered in two phases. Phase 1 runs over 6 weeks and relates to the 17 early learning goals and Key Stage 1 curriculum. Parents are given a plethora of tips, resources and activities to help their children catch up at home on lost learning.

Sessions offer support to parents in the following areas:

- ✔ Support to further develop their child's communication and language skills.
- ✔ Support to develop clear routines at home, diet and exercise with a focus on the development of fine motor skills.
- ✔ Support to help build their child's self-esteem, manage their behaviour, develop self-regulation, empathy and relationships.
- ✔ Support to help their children develop a love of reading, story telling and writing.
- ✔ Support in their understanding of maths techniques used in schools.
- ✔ Support in their understanding of how to create an engaging and productive home learning environment.

Phase 2 of the course runs over the next 6 weeks where bespoke, personalised support for individual families is given. Working closely with SENCOs, EYFS and KS1 teachers, we work on specific areas that need closer support which have been identified by school.

Why we do it

DCSF Research Report pinpoints 'the home learning environment has a greater influence on a child's intellectual and social development than parental occupation, education, or income. What parents do is more important than who they are, and a home learning environment that is supportive of learning can counteract the effects of disadvantage in the early years.'

Parental involvement is an effective way of catching up on lost learning and forms part of the EEF's wider strategy on targeted support for children.

How we do it

The programme usually takes place in school where we create a setting that is conducive to an open, relaxed and friendly atmosphere where parents develop relational trust, efficacy and become open to learning. Sessions last between 1.5 and 2 hours. We also run the programme from the Millennium Centre in West Derby for those schools unable to accommodate us at this time.

For those schools wishing to run the programme outside the Merseyside area, our teachers are able to effectively deliver the course to parents via zoom.

Please get in touch with Kerry and Andrea and get parents in your school on board today!



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