

Family learning for every child and every parent in England

Family learning matters.

It matters because families need opportunities to learn, to try something different, to ask questions and develop skills, to explore new horizons.

Family learning matters because it engages parents and carers in their children's learning, supporting educational achievement. It matters because it engages parents and carers in their own learning, giving a sense of purpose and creating a first step and progression into adult learning and training. And it matters because it supports literacy, language, and numeracy and promotes health and wellbeing.

That's why we need every child and parent to have access to family learning. That's why family learning needs to be free for every parent and child wherever they live. And that's why we need to rebuild family learning in England and elevate it from an invisible funding stream within adult skills to a fully sustainable system so that every child and parent can benefit everywhere.

These five asks represent an agenda for change and a plan for long term reform to develop family learning.

FIVE ASKS FOR GOVERNMENT

1

Create a single national ring-fenced family learning budget from the existing funding in the Adult Education Budget and an extra £75m from the Treasury, managed by the Department for Education and devolved to local authorities

2

Introduce a statutory entitlement to 15 hours fully funded family learning for parents and carers of each child aged nine months to four years and subsequently extended to children aged nine months to 10 years

3

Integrate family learning into the work of family support services including Family Hubs, Children Centres, and Family and Health Services

4

Embed the value of family learning into the workforce development of the education sector in England including early learning, childcare, teaching, adult education and family support

5

Allow parents to become eligible for 30 hours of state funded childcare when they participate in family learning, and/or training and retraining

Read the full five asks paper at:
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