

Family Learning

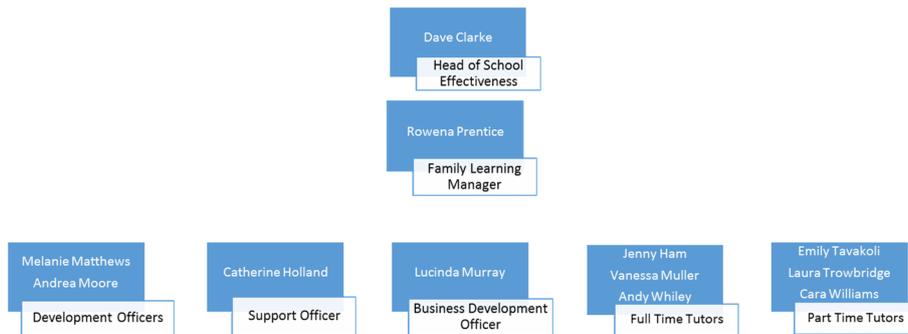


Growing a lifelong love of learning with families in Wiltshire
Discover opportunities – Develop skills – Achieve ambitions

Who are we?

- Wiltshire Council has directly delivered Government funded family learning programmes since 2002
- We moved in to the School Effectiveness team on 1st April 2017
- Family learning includes a range of community-based and outreach learning opportunities designed to help people of different ages and backgrounds:
 - Gain a new skill
 - Reconnect with learning
 - Prepare to progress to formal courses
 - Learn how to support their children better

Family Learning team



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Vision and strategy

Our vision and strategy supports national, regional and Council objectives of creating stronger, more resilient communities, supporting adults back into work and helping parents to support their children's learning and life chances by;

- Delivering programmes in identified high priority areas of need, to targeted parents and carers of young children.
- Offering learners long term, planned programmes with clear progression pathways leading to the development of new skills, improved personal achievements and outcomes including qualifications, employability skills, jobs and volunteering.

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Vision and strategy continued

- Improving the attainment of adults and children as a result of families taking part in intergenerational learning activities.
- Increasing the number of learners staying on programme who progress through planned pathways to further learning, employment or volunteering.
- Building stronger, longer term relationships with key partners.
- Providing family learning learners with impartial, high quality, information, advice and guidance about their future options for learning, training and employment.

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Myth busters

- We are not subject to Ofsted inspection
- We are not held to account
- Our Tutors are not qualified teachers
- We are accessible to all
- All our programmes are craft based
- There is no learning attached to our programmes
- It doesn't matter if learners do not attend all courses
- We work in isolation
- We disengage with learners once they finish their course

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How do we do it?

- We are county wide
- Work with cohorts of targeted learners
- Identify learner needs, wants and aspirations
- Identify learner starting points to design individual learning plans
- Flexible and accessible approach to delivery
- Plan routes to further learning or employment
- Provide a crèche when required

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Our curriculum

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Seasonal Sessions	Animate	Family ESOL
Busy Bugs	Box of Numbers	Functional Skills English
Nature Explorers	Budgets and Bargains	Functional Skills Maths
Penny Pots	Confidence and New Directions	Work it in English
Puppets	Families Reading Every Day (FRED)	Work it out Maths
	Keeping up with the Children English	Working in Schools
	Keeping up with the Children Maths	
	Story Box	
	Transitions	
	Walk and Talk	

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Who do we work with?

Partners:

- Alabaré Christian Care and Support, Salisbury
- Building Bridges Programme
- Home-Start Organisation
- Spurgeons Children's Charity – The Wiltshire Hub
- Take Art Somerset
- The Rise Trust – Chippenham and North Wiltshire
- Westbury Parent Carers
- Wiltshire Community Engagement Managers
- Wiltshire Council's Ethnic Minority Achievement Service
- Wiltshire Council's Troubled Families Initiative
- Wiltshire Health Trainers
- Wiltshire Libraries
- Wiltshire Music Service
- Wiltshire Schools Parent Support Advisors
- Wiltshire Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme
- Wiltshire's Housing Associations

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Who do we work with?

Schools:

- Castle Mead Primary Academy, Trowbridge
- Christ the King Catholic Primary School, Amesbury
- Colerne Church of England Primary School, Chippenham
- Corsham Regis Primary Academy, Corsham
- Durrington Church of England Voluntary Controlled Junior School, Salisbury
- Greentrees Primary School, Salisbury
- Kiwi Primary School, Bulford, Salisbury
- Manor Fields Primary School, Salisbury
- Marden Vale Church of England Academy, Calne
- Mere School, Warminster
- Pembroke Park Primary School, Salisbury
- River Mead School, Melksham
- St Martin's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School, Salisbury
- Staverton Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School, Trowbridge
- Studley Green Primary School, Trowbridge

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What do we need from you?

Support the Disadvantaged Learner Charter by;

- Providing a suitable, safe space for us to deliver (including crèche if required)
- Committing to promoting our courses
- Intending to engage with targeted learner groups
- Sharing potential learner contact details
- Informing your staff team of our offer

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What would we like from you?

- A Family Learning lead contact in your school
- Facilities to make refreshments
- Display area
- Sharing assemblies
- School staff members to visit our courses
- A joint inclusive approach to families

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How we can help

- Enhance parental engagement
- Support your home learning policy
- Support the national curriculum
- Improve communications with parents
- Encourage parents in to school
- Encourage parental voluntary support (pre teach)
- Improve attitude to learning within families
- Enhance Ofsted inspection judgements

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What would you like from us?



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What do our partners and learners say.....

" fantastic support for vulnerable families, a very invaluable team and their free short courses that are fun first. The ongoing support has been vital for many of our members and has helped them to become confident in learning, especially with their children.

We worked the Family Learning Team last year, with very positive results. The most successful programme that was run was the FRED sessions. These were expertly set up, well planned and very well resourced. It was a joy to see children, parents and grandparents all working and learning together on some lovely activities, all linked to reading. The course ensured that children increased their hours of reading at home and all who were involved enjoyed it tremendously. Indeed, we had such positive feedback that we are hoping to run another FRED programme this school year.

A great service. Our parents have gained so much confidence and enjoy the sessions. Tutors are efficient and reliable. The crèche is an absolute bonus as it means it's accessible to more parents.

'O' told me I was his BFF on the way home. Your lessons are making a positive impact on our family relationship. Thankyou!

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Building Bridges

Helping people overcome their barriers to education and employment across Swindon and Wiltshire

 **LOTTERY FUNDED**

 **European Union**
European Social Fund

Building Better Opportunities

- National programme funded jointly through the Big Lottery Fund and European Social Fund
- Funding and delivery split across Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas
- Aim is to tackle the poverty and social exclusion faced by the most disadvantaged people in England
- Big Lottery Fund have confirmed funding to end of 2019



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