



FAMILY LEARNING POLICY WITTON CHURCH WALK C E PRIMARY SCHOOL

‘Where Every Door is Opened and Every Gift is Unlocked’

At Witton we are a partnership of school, church, home and community. We create a stimulating and caring environment, grounded in Christian belief and practice, so that all members of our school community feel happy, safe and secure. Time is taken to value and nurture each child educationally, creatively and spiritually. Children and staff are encouraged to aim for ‘Everyday Excellence’ and believe in themselves in order to achieve their full potential.

Family Learning

Family Learning at Witton Church Walk allows parents and carers to understand more about how their children learn. It encourages adults and children to continue learning together and provides skills and ideas to support learning at home. Our Family Support worker and Family learning lead work with outside agencies to run these fun and interactive workshops which build bridges between home and school and help develop self-esteem for families as well as children.

Why Family Learning is Important:

Family Learning at Witton Church Walk C of E Primary School helps parents and carers improve their self-confidence and parenting skills and their ability to help their children learn. Children benefit because parents become more interested and involved in their child's school life, learning how to support them more effectively.

Family Learning at Witton Church Walk C of E Primary School, encourages all the family to participate in life long learning; for some parents it can be the first step towards developing further learning for themselves or engaging in volunteer work or seeking paid employment.

Teachers at Witton Church Walk invite parents and carers into school to participate in stay and plays or informative sessions to educate them on how to help them make progress and enjoy learning together.

Learning at home:

At Witton Church Walk, our "homework" is Family Home Learning. ‘**Family Home Learning**’ invites the children, siblings and parents or carers to spend time together, collaborating and having fun when completing the tasks. As a family, you will have the opportunity to complete a series of tasks that are presented in a homework grid. This booklet is handed out to the students at the beginning of each half term. The suggested activities list is not exhaustive; please do as many of the suggested ideas as you can. In addition to this students are expected to complete English and Maths and Reading homework.

At Witton Church Walk C of E Primary we follow the Family Learning team's 'You Can Do It' programme which is designed to raise family aspirations and achievement. We start our offer with fun, structured and interactive workshops and courses that are designed to help parents better support their children's learning. Sessions often involve intergenerational activities where parents and carers are encouraged to spend time observing, listening and interacting together. Included in these sessions there are opportunities for parents/carers to:-

- observe the teacher, develop knowledge and strategies and then work with their child to apply new skills.
- find out what we teach in specific year groups,
- the different methods we use to achieve those objectives and also,
- more importantly how their child learns at school.
- Tips will be given on how to help children at home, not only with homework, but how to develop skills during every day activities

We also offer longer 12 week Family English and/or maths courses that are designed to help parents develop and improve their own skills.

As well as helping improve literacy, numeracy and language skills all our Family Learning sessions help raise awareness of the vital role parents can play in raising attainment levels of their whole family and experience the achievements that follow from altered and more positive, attitudes to learning.

Family Support Worker

At Witton Church Walk C of E Primary we have a full time family support worker, who provides courses for parents in 123 Magic, Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing and 'Parent Talk'.

Assessment, Record Keeping and Reporting

Assessment is an integral part of the teaching and planning process. Individual Learning Plans are completed for both the learner and tutor to refer to and use to record progress.

Termly moderation meetings are held where a team of tutors assess and verify completed work from each course. The learners are then awarded with certificates to show their accreditation.

ICT and Internet Safety

Learners can develop and apply their ICT skills within some of Family Learning Course. All Family Learning courses involve Internet Safety and how to keep children as safe as possible when they're online.

Health and Safety

Health and safety issues are addressed with each new learner through the induction process of the course.

The School Policy for child protection is applied throughout the course duration.

"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress in every society, in every family." Kofi Annan

Signed Governor -
Signed Headteacher –
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