

The Talking Families course has been developed for parental Involvement Workers, Children Centre practitioners, Nursery Teachers, Nursery Nurses, Teaching Assistants/ Learning Support Assistants (particularly those working with families) and Child Minders.

It will provide them with a range of skills and strategies to encourage parents and children to communicate more effectively through a series of workshops or drop in sessions. This will be a practically based course with lots of fun ideas and activities.

The aim of **Talking Families** is to provide practitioners with the training skills and strategies to develop speaking, listening and communication skills with targeted groups of parents and children.

Benefits to practitioners:

- learn skills and strategies to accelerate achievement in speaking and listening with adults and children
- use these skills and strategies throughout other areas of their work
- understand how to differentiate activities according to need



Benefits to schools, parents and children:

- increased parental participation in school life through involvement with workshops to create resources
- increased support from parents with children's work in class and homework
- improved pupil attendance
- improved pupil behaviour
- development of children's self-esteem and self-confidence
- increased desire for children to contribute more in class
- improved achievement in speaking and listening
- improved achievement in other curriculum areas
- children can listen more actively and talk for a range of purposes

The TF course includes aspects such as why is talk important? Observation of good practice, ground rules that can be used in the home, activities to develop a range of language skills and vocabulary, understanding progression in language acquisition, strategies to engage parents, creating resources and a Power Point for workshops.

Training takes place over 3 split days with a follow up ½ day monitoring visit in your school 2 terms later.

The cost of the training is £70 per person per day, including a **Talking Families** resources disc. The ½ day visit costs £175 per school.

Dates for this academic year can be found on our website, or via email.

Places are provided on a first come first served basis, with a maximum of 16 people on each course.

Please note: This course is designed for practitioners who have regular contact with parents.

To find out more, or request order details...

Please send the following information to:

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