

**If my child has a Special Educational Need (SEN), will our Family Learning Conference be different for us?**

No - Family Learning Conferences are designed to include all children regardless of any special educational need they may have. The content and format of the FLC will be designed to suit the individual learning, behavioural, emotional and social needs of each child.

It may, however, be appropriate for an additional meeting to be arranged with relevant professionals to discuss specific issues and provide additional support to address your child's special need.

**Are Family Learning Conferences appropriate for children of all ages?**

Yes - Family Learning Conferences are designed to include all pupils from nursery to Year 6.

The content and format of the FLC will be designed to suit the developmental age of each child.

**Will I be able to receive support during the Family Learning Conference if English is not my first language?**

We will endeavour to do all we can to facilitate communication in the preferred language of the family.

If families choose, they are very welcome to bring a family member or friend along who will be able to interpret during the Family Learning Conference.

Where possible, we will try to provide bilingual staff who will support with interpretations during the Family Learning Conferences.



# St Ignatius Primary



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## A Guide to

## Family Learning

## Conferences



## What is a Family Learning Conference ( FLC ) ?

Family Learning Conferences are intended to replace traditional parent meetings / consultations where parents and teachers discussed the child, often in their absence.

Family Learning Conferences place a significant emphasis upon your child's involvement in the conversation about **their learning**.

Family Learning Conferences are designed to give your child more awareness and ownership of, and participation in, their own learning. In doing so, your child becomes instrumental in determining their attainment and progress - a key sentiment of personalised learning.

A Family Learning Conference is a three-way process with your child at the centre.

It provides an opportunity for your child, you as the parent, and the teacher, to review their learning and celebrate achievements.

It is also a time to plan ahead and set agreed goals together.

These can then be revisited at the next FLC, making it a cyclical process whereby goals will be set and assessed at least twice a year.



## What will happen during a FLC ?

The Family Learning Conference will last approximately 15 minutes. Your child will have an opportunity to share their achievements with you and their teacher and to reflect on their progress.

You will have an opportunity to talk to your child and teacher about learning goals.

Together, yourself and the teacher will facilitate and generate ideas to support your child's learning.

The Family Learning Conference is designed to be friendly and positive and an experience that all three parties -your child, yourself and the teacher - look forward to and enjoy.

## What is a Family Learning Agreement (FLA) ?

A Family Learning Agreement (FLA) is a concept, in the form of a leaflet, designed to:

- 1) help your child reflect on their achievement and think about how best they learn - this discussion will take place before the FLC.
- 2) set goals / targets which are agreed by all three parties - this process may take place during the FLC.



## Do both myself and my child need to attend a FLC?

We would like all our parents/carers and children to be involved in their Family Learning Conference. Experience and feedback shows that, the more parents are involved and understand how well their children are doing, the better their children do.

As the child is at the heart of the FLC, these conferences will take place in the afternoon and early evening when hopefully, your child will not be too tired!

We hope that this will contribute to a positive and successful experience.



## What if I want to discuss issues regarding my child alone with my child's teacher?

Additional and separate appointments may be made if you have something you wish to discuss with the teacher that you may not feel appropriate to share with your child present.