

Supporting your child at home

Any support you are able to give at home is always very useful. Simply motivating your children to learn can make a real difference. Here are a few practical tips for continuing to improve your child's English language acquisition:

- ✓ Encourage your child to read daily – the school library and Herefordshire Libraries offer a wide range of books which your child can borrow for free.
- ✓ [British Council Learn English Kids](#) website has a variety of high-quality lessons, games and resources to help your child improve their language skills.
- ✓ BBC Bitesize website has a wealth of curriculum-based articles, videos and educational games to help your child revise or extend their knowledge about school subjects. For Year 7,8 and 9 resources [click here](#). For GCSE Year 10 and 11 resources, please [click here](#).
- ✓ Encourage your child to use Flash Academy programme which they can access at home.
- ✓ Help your child stay on top of their homework. Parents can view what homework has been set on EdulinkOne. Your child should spend about one hour on homework each night in years 7-9 and two hours in year 10-11. Also please encourage your child to go to homework clubs at school, if they need help.

Here is a short list of websites that provide FREE activities for children and adults that can help with language development:

[BBC Learning English](#) website offers free audio, video and text materials to learners around the world. [Available courses](#) include Easy Level, [Lower Intermediate](#), [Intermediate](#), [Upper Intermediate](#) and [Advanced](#).

[BBC Learning English Stories for Children](#) is a series of animated short stories to help children learn English with their parents. Each story has an activities pack to help children explore and use the language.

[BBC Newsround](#) - every day Newsround is broadcast on CBBC with an eight-minute news bulletin on weekdays and a six-minute news bulletin on weekends.

[Topmarks](#) – free English language games, where children can practice English phonics, punctuation, words, spelling and many more.

[British Council Learn English Courses for Adults](#)

[BBC Teach English for Adults](#) with free videos and downloadable worksheets to help adult learners improve their reading, writing, spelling and grammar.