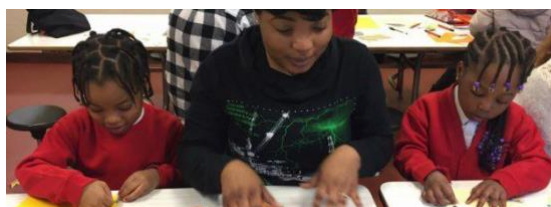


Our Skills

- Opportunity to access free family literacy programmes for your school



Background

The pandemic highlighted significant inequalities in children's home learning experiences that increase achievement gaps. [New analysis](#) of Education Endowment Foundation research data from the *Family Skills* family literacy programme, indicates that by working with parents and carers, *Family Skills* raised literacy levels of children with social care interventions by an additional 4 months.

New Funding

The Department for Education has now awarded new funding through the What Works Fund for Children in Social Care to adapt the *Family Skills* programme for children who have previously had a social worker.



New Opportunities

This new project, called ***Our Skills***, is a **virtual/blended delivery model**, which aims to evidence the impact of the *Family Skills* programme in a new national research trial, run by [Learning Unlimited](#) in partnership with [Campaign for Learning](#). *Our Skills* provides direct support to parents and carers and strategies to help children's reading, including phonics, developing home literacy practices, and supporting learning through play. The funding will enable us to deliver the programme at **no cost to your school**.

The Research

There will be an external evaluation carried out by the Centre for Evidence and Implementation (www.ceiglobal.org) and Bryson Purdon Social Research (www.bpsr.org). However, you will be delighted to know that they will **only use data that is already collected by you for the National Pupil Database**. You would not be required to conduct any additional assessments.



Timescale

The *Our Skills* project development is starting this Autumn and the one-term delivery programme will be launched for anticipated delivery **from February half-term 2021**.

Want to get involved or know more?

If you would like to register your interest in participating in the *Our Skills* programme, or if you have any questions, please contact Karen Dudley at Learning Unlimited: karen.dudley@learningunlimited.co