

Lesson Study

Introduction

Research has shown that getting parents involved and interested in their child's learning can have a significant impact on the child's progress. However, we also know how difficult it can be for busy parents to make time to come to the school and talk about their child.

In this activity, you'll see how you can set up and deliver a virtual tutorial with parents using a simple, free web-based app that doesn't require any software.



Tech tip

Videolink2me is a free application that works in the web browser and doesn't require any downloads or registration. You can click on the 'Start video call' button and a unique link is created. You can then share the link with whoever you want to talk to.

Once the person joins you in the conference room, you can:

- Use your video camera to see and chat
- Use text chat to share links
- Screen share students work
- Share files
- Upload images

You can access Videolink2me at: <https://videolink2me.com/start>

Webinar time reference:

Level: Any

Time: 10 – 15 minutes per tutorial

Aim:

- To build relationships with parents of younger pupils and involve them in the learning process.

Preparation:

- Prepare some students' work to show the parents.
- Prepare a schedule and get parents to sign up for a time slot.

Procedure:

- Click on: <https://videolink2me.com/start> and click to start the video conference.
- Share the link to the video conference with the parents, by email or by text message. Note: You can schedule the links and share them in advance.
- Greet the parent(s) and make sure they can hear and see you.
- Screen-share some of their child's work and talk through the child's achievements.
- Make some suggestions and share some links to materials they could use with their children to help them develop their English.
- Make time for them to ask any questions about their child's progress or any worries they have about their child.

Additional resources

The home-school connection 1

- This is the first part of a two-part article where Theresa Zanatta shows us how parents can be encouraged to create opportunities for their children to learn English at home.

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/home-school-connection-1>

The home-school connection 2

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<https://lessonstudy.co.uk/>

Helping parents and caregivers to support remote learning at home

- Watch Diana in Gaza below give some advice to parents and caregivers about how they can support remote learning.

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/article/helping-parents-and-caregivers-support-remote-learning-home>

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<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/parents>

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