

Jigsaw Families in the Community



Introducing the Cornwall Jigsaw Families in the Community Pilot Project

An opportunity for 10 Cornwall Primary Schools to try the Jigsaw Families portal for free for the Spring term 2024 with free training in November 2024

What is Jigsaw Families?

Jigsaw Families is a supportive, non-judgemental and universal programme open to all families. It is inclusive and accessible, enabling ALL parents, regardless of background or literacy level, to take part and benefit. It is a stand alone resource therefore it is open to all schools.

The programme aims to develop richer, attachment relationships between parents and their children enabling positive behaviour management and communication, as well as developing closer engagement with the setting. This usually results in more participation in children's education.

Supporting families in an informal, friendly and safe environment to explore the challenges of being a parent is at the heart of the programme. Practical strategies are offered to help meet their family's needs and give them the opportunity to reflect. It also holds the potential for families to support each other through the relationships they build during the programme. For children, it supports them to manage their emotions, feel loved and secure and therefore be better equipped to access learning.

To learn more about the Programme, either click on the link below or contact the Jigsaw Families mentor (carol.catton@janleveragegroup.com)

<https://jigsawpshe.com/home>. Click on resources and then select Jigsaw Families

Practicalities

To run the Jigsaw Families Programme, you will need:

- 3 facilitators trained (2 are needed to run the Programme and the 3rd is in case of one of the facilitators being absent). Facilitators do not need to be trained teachers although they are welcome to do so if they wish. Facilitators can be TAs; Governors, ELSAs; parents (preferably after they have attended one of the Programmes run); pastoral support workers, family liaison workers etc.

Jigsaw Families in the Community

- 2 rooms as in the middle section of a session, children go with one facilitator and adults stay with the other facilitator
- Refreshments for both adults and their child
- To attend 2 training sessions – one which goes through the rationale behind the Programme and the preparation needed before running it and the second looks at how to run a session. Each session will last for one hour. These training sessions will be in November to give plenty of time to be ready to run the Programme in the Spring.

How does my school get involved in this free pilot?

1. Register interest by e mailing Carol (carol.catton@janleveragegroup.com) by Friday, 29th September 2023 and a link to the 1st training session will be sent to you.
2. Attend first training session.
3. After the first training session, Carol will send you a SLA (outlining what you will receive from Jigsaw and what we expect from the school). This needs to be completed and returned directly to her. The first 10 schools returning their SLA will then be on the pilot and will receive confirmation of their place by Carol and the link to the 2nd training session.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol (carol.catton@janleveragegroup.com).

I look forward to working with you.

