

Here are some quotes from parents who have already taken part in the SPOKES programme

"Since doing the course, he is concentrating better, enjoying it more & we are both having a lot more fun."

"Would definitely recommend this programme to any parent especially those who are struggling to motivate their children to read."

"The SPOKES course is an amazing experience, I have grown more confident, made a lot of friends & learnt techniques which are useful & used every day."

"Try it—you will be amazed at how informative and easily it is to vastly improve your child's reading."

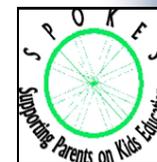
Supporting Parents On Kids Education in Schools

"Ready for School"

BOOKS

FREE
RESOURCES

If you are a parent and think your child would benefit from this programme and would like to find out more, please contact either your child's teacher or Jo Best at Plymouth Information, Advice & Support (PIAS).
Tel: 01752 258933 or email: jo.best@plymouth.gov.uk



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If your child is in Key Stage 1 at school, you can ask to take part in the free SPOKES Ready for School programme.



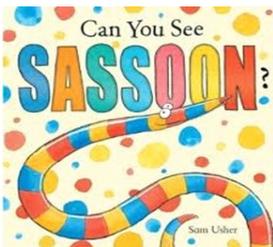
Being Ready for School

The Plymouth Information, Advice and Support parenting team are running a new Ready for School programme in conjunction with many primary schools across Plymouth called SPOKES (Supporting Parents on Kids Education in Schools)

Frequently asked questions about SPOKES

What happens in the SPOKES Ready for School group?

- Groups of parents meet once a week, for two and a half hours.
- 9 sessions in total.
- You will receive free books and other goodies, such as magnetic letters and puppet packs, throughout the course.
- The programme follows the developmental stages of the child, from listening, talking and reading to writing.
- You will have fun and learn strategies to help you prepare your child for school.
- There may even be a library visit where your children will be able to listen to stories and take part in craft activities.

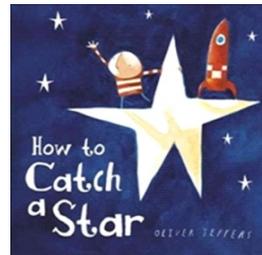


The overall aim of the SPOKES Ready for School programme is to give the parent the skills to make their child ready for school.

By the end of this programme, parents will be able to support their child to:-

- Communicate effectively.
- Be able to listen attentively and use language constructively.
- Make reading and writing fun.
- Support a positive environment for school readiness at home.
- Support their child's reading through the use of Pause, Prompt and Praise.
- Regulate their emotions and behaviours effectively.

In addition to being fun, the free programme has been shown to help children to make **ABOVE** expected progress, including improved Key Stage 1 literacy scores, for all children (5-7 months for boys, 3-4 months for all children).



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"Enjoy! This course will make a difference to your day to day life – improve your bond with your child as well as their reading ability."

"The course was fantastic and I would recommend it to anyone."

"I'm very grateful for the opportunity to take part in the course, enabling me to help and understand my boy and his needs regarding his reading – language – imagination - bonding – special time – one to one."

