



Calside Primary School: Learning Conferences

What is a learning conference?

This is a discussion between your child, their teacher and yourself as parent/carer. The conversation will be based around their successes as well as identifying what they need to do to progress in their learning (their next steps).

How often will they occur?

We will ask you to meet with us two times in a school year (November and March). It is essential that you attend both these meetings with your child.

Why does my child need to come along?

Your child has responsibility for their learning whatever their age. In school, we are sharing their next steps every day. They reflect on what they are doing well and how they can do better. The Learning Conference gives us all the opportunity to work together to ensure that the next steps are achieved. Some children require extra help from home, but also may need referrals to other partners to support their learning.

What can I do as a parent?

Come to the meeting: this is very important. Be prepared to listen to your child and their teacher, and suggest how you can help your child move forward in their learning.

What can I do beforehand?

Have a conversation with your child about their learning: what they think is going well and what they need to work on. At a meeting, there should be no surprises!

What happens during the meeting?

Everyone will have a chance to talk about your child's learning and agree how it will move forward. Next steps will be agreed, and you will know how you can be helping your child to progress.

What happens after the meeting?

The teacher will take notes, and these will be signed by all present, including the child. You will receive a copy of these notes in due course. You will also see their current learning targets within your child's section in their Class Team.

Supporting your child's learning throughout the year

Please remember that conversation do not need to be limited to the two times a year. If you have a query, please ask for an appointment with your child's teacher and they will happily discuss any concerns that you have.