

parent engagement dashboard

Learn today – succeed tomorrow

Today, few schools or Local Authorities offer parents satisfactory solutions for secure online access to information about their child’s learning. Although parental involvement is key to a child’s educational success, over 50% of parents say they are in contact with their child’s school just once a term or less. 89% of parents say technology could help them become better informed about their child’s education.¹

Include parents with *it’s learning*

A key factor is keeping the parents engaged in the education. To facilitate this, it’s learning is developing a parent engagement dashboard in the learning platform which will give parents a simple and secure login to a web interface, allowing them to follow their child’s education.

Information about the day-to-day school work is only a few clicks away – all a parent needs to follow-up and engage in the child’s daily progress. The parent engagement dashboard cannot replace face to-face conversations, but it complements and enhances the quality of discussions by giving timely and meaningful information to parents.

More than just numbers

Many solutions can provide statistics and numbers, but we show parents what their child needs to learn, how to learn it and why to learn it – it reveals what the child needs to learn today to succeed tomorrow.




“All schools are expected to use technology to improve parental engagement with parents.”

-Becta

Course overview: - ✕

Course	Progress	Teacher	Lesson plan	Report
English	<div style="width: 60%; background-color: #f4a460; border: 1px solid #ccc;"></div> 60%	Sarah Park	View	View
Maths	<div style="width: 70%; background-color: #f4a460; border: 1px solid #ccc;"></div> 70%	Wright Johnson	View	View

Planned activities: - ✕

Type	Title	Course	Deadline
● 	Percentages	Math	Passed
● 	Characteristics of the fairytale	English	11.10.2009
	Refraction and reflection	Psychics	14.10.2009

¹ Schools and parents – a new partnership: <http://publications.becta.org.uk/download.cfm?resID=41244>

The parent engagement dashboard is also time-saving for the teachers: No need to prepare reports – it’s learning automatically shows information already available in *it’s learning* such as progress reports, attendance, behaviour, and attainments. The information becomes available for the parents as soon as the teachers publish it.

Features

Feature	Description
Parent registration	Manual registration in Q1 2010, integrations against MIS systems in Q2.
Communication	Home–school communication via internal messaging or e-mail. The communication is limited to the parents and the child's teachers.
School information	Automatic information updates, such as news and school calendar.
Course information	Information about lesson plans, curriculum and homework.
Progress	Progress reports from the individual learning plan, assessments and portfolios.
Attendance	View attendance records – retrieved from it’s learning or MIS.
Behaviour	View behaviour records – retrieved from it’s learning or MIS.
Special needs (SEN)	Information about special education needs – retrieved from it’s learning or MIS.
Involvement	Tools for involving parents: polls, groups and projects.

Technical information

The *it’s learning* parent engagement dashboard uses an automated solution – Groupcall – to securely collect data from schools or other institutions, and make it available for parents in *it’s learning*. Groupcall allows for easy connecting and retrieval of data from all the major MIS providers, and *it’s learning* presents it in a user-friendly format to parents. Groupcall has agents that work with almost all major MIS systems including SIMS.NET and Facility CMIS.

Roadmap

The release of the parent dashboard is planned for early 2010, and enhancements will be released continuously. The most important milestones are:

Q1 2010: Introduction of the parent role and dashboard. Possibility for parents to see information from *it’s learning*, such as school information, course information and progress.

Q2 2010: Retrieve information from MIS and publish for the parents. Reports from the MIS – such as behaviour, attendance, grades and special education needs – are then processed and shown in *it’s learning*.

2010: Two-way communication between *it’s learning* and MIS. This implies that teachers can register attendance and grades in *it’s learning* which are exported back to the MIS.

Pricing

Parent users are free! Integrations will be priced individually, depending on Groupcall agent availability, ZIS and so on. Please contact your *it’s learning* account director for more information.

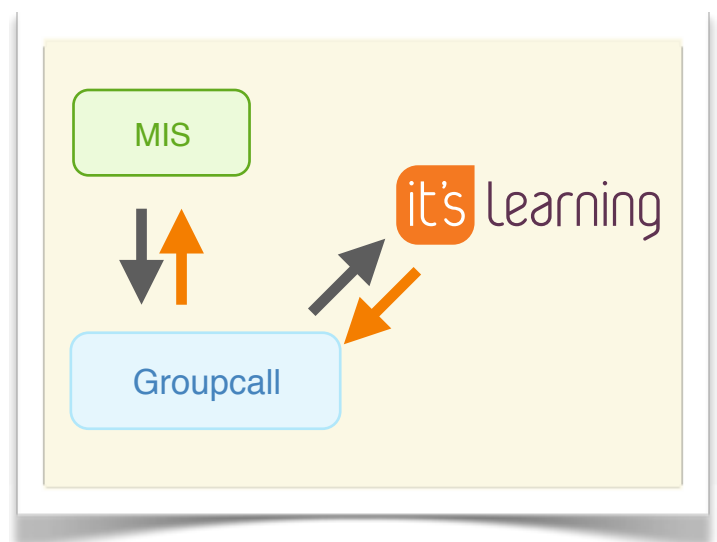


Figure caption: The early phase enables *it’s learning* to retrieve data from the MIS via Groupcall (grey arrows), but within 2010 a two-way synchronisation will be possible (grey and orange arrows).