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# SKILL UP

*A programme for young people aged between 16-18  
that need help getting to where they want to be.*

## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

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**Skill Up** will provide your son/daughter with the opportunity to build their confidence through positive achievements, which will enable them to fulfil their potential through learning.

#### **Achievement**

**Skill Up** is like a series of learning 'stepping stones'. While on the programme they will work towards various qualifications taken from the Qualifications and Credit Framework (QCF).

#### **Personalised learning programme**

Together with your son/daughter, we will discuss and agree an individual learning programme, reflecting where they are now and the destination they want to get to.

Their learning programme will integrate vocational learning, personal and social development, and functional skills. They will also receive ongoing information, advice, guidance and support.

#### **1. Vocational knowledge, skills and understanding**

Qualifications come in a range of different sizes and are based on units, meaning your son or daughter can accumulate a mix of qualifications at the level they require. Part of the programme will include work experience to give them an insight into a real working environment. It may also help them to decide which career or employer is right for them.

#### **2. Personal and social development**

These exciting qualifications will encourage your son/daughter to enjoy new experiences while inspiring and motivating them to learn more. They will enable them to develop better thinking, decision-making and language skills, whilst gaining confidence and self-esteem.

#### **3. Functional Skills in English, Maths and ICT**

Learning functional skills in English, maths and ICT will equip them with the practical knowledge they need to work confidently and effectively.

#### **Progression**

**Skill Up** will help them get to where they want to go - whether that's:

- an Apprenticeship
- employment
- independent living
- or a Foundation Diploma

#### **EMA**

Once on programme they can apply for EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) where if eligible they will receive weekly payments of up to £30 if they regularly attend and work hard on their course.

