



Learning Ladders PARENT GUIDE

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WELCOME TO LEARNING LADDERS

Learning Ladders tracks progress against learning goals for all subjects. Its main purpose is to help teachers and students clearly understand where they are in their learning journey, what they need to work on, and how to achieve their learning goals. It helps teachers set clear, specific learning goals for each student, making it easier to plan next steps and monitor progress toward mastering objectives.

WHY DO WE USE LEARNING LADDERS?

Learning Ladders doesn't focus on test scores—it provides a broader view of a child's understanding and growth in different subject areas, ensuring a more complete picture of their development. It also fosters communication between teachers and parents by sharing real-time information on progress. The teacher regularly updates information in Learning Ladders, and it's visible to you through the parent portal, Ladders at Home. This portal allows for communication with parents as teachers are able to share progress and evidence linked to the learning goals and parents are able to view this, translate this information into over 100 languages and to also download and print reports.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Research consistently shows that parental engagement is one of the key factors in securing higher student achievement. Parental engagement also means that we are all participants in students learning, this allows for learning informed conversations and allows for effective feedback from teachers and means that students will be enabled to make expected progress.

We hold three **Parent-Teacher Learning Conferences** (meetings) annually (September, January, June) to discuss student progress. Learning Ladders data supports these conversations.

How can you foster learning at home and engagement with your child's learning?

Learning Ladders is a useful tool for parents, allowing you to have more insight into your child's school activities and progress.

In our Curriculum guide we have also created 'Parent tips' for each subject as a suggestion of how to support your child's learning journey.

You are able to use a translation tool on LL dashboard, which is very useful to those who are not fluent in English.

Instead of asking what did you do at school today - Ask what new/interesting thing did you learn at school today?



INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS

We have created a few instructional videos for you to follow, to help make your transition to using Learning Ladders easier. We have created a video explaining why we are using Learning Ladders and how to login to your account and how to resolve any common issues.

WHY DO WE USE LEARNING LADDERS & HOW DO YOU LOGIN?



HOW TO USE YOUR DASHBOARD



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

I haven't received my login email, what now?

If you haven't received your login email please check your spam/junk mail, as the invitation will come from Learning Ladders not OIS. If you are still unable to find the login email please contact Colleen, colleen.cropp@floreer.nl

Can both parents access portal?

Yes, please request an additional parent login email request, by contacting Jules, julie.joly@floreer.nl

My child seems to not have made any progress, what now?

Learning progress is not linear and time dependent, sometimes it can take longer for a student to demonstrate that they've made next steps in their learning. The learning goals for all subjects (except IPC) are end of year targets. IPC learning goals are 2 year targets. Learning progress is also part of the Learning Conferences parents have with their child's teacher.

Should I be looking at the information on the portal as a report?

While opening the portal enables us to share progress with parents it's really important that this is not a report and it doesn't replace Learning Conversations with teachers. It's not intended to be a method of evaluating your child and comparing progress. It is the responsibility of the Class Teacher to make evaluations and reach out to parents.

Which subjects are monitored in Learning Ladders?

All the subjects/curricula are reflected in Learning Ladders, these are: Mathematics, Language Arts, IPC, Physical Education (PE), Dutch (DAL), and Health & Well-being. You can read more about the subjects in our Curriculum Guide.

[Click here for Curriculum Guide](#)

If you have any other questions, please contact our Learning Leader,

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