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EXPERIMENTAL PARENT AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

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The project seeks to develop and improve the links between school, family and community in a Liverpool housing estate and to demonstrate to parents how they might participate more effectively in the education of their own children, from the pre-school level onwards.

A team of three, working from a comprehensive school in the Netherley housing estate on the outskirts of Liverpool, have trained local mothers to work with other families where there are pre-school children, using materials selected from specially compiled home education resource packages.

As the confidence of these 'educational helpers' grows they will adopt a general advisory role for families in their own block of flats or street. The team then withdraws to a more consultative capacity.

The project will concentrate on developing wider possibilities for better home/school links at all levels of the education system encouraging parents to provide a more stimulating environment for children in their own homes and to articulate their demands in terms of their children's education to teachers, schools and local education departments by the most appropriate means.

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