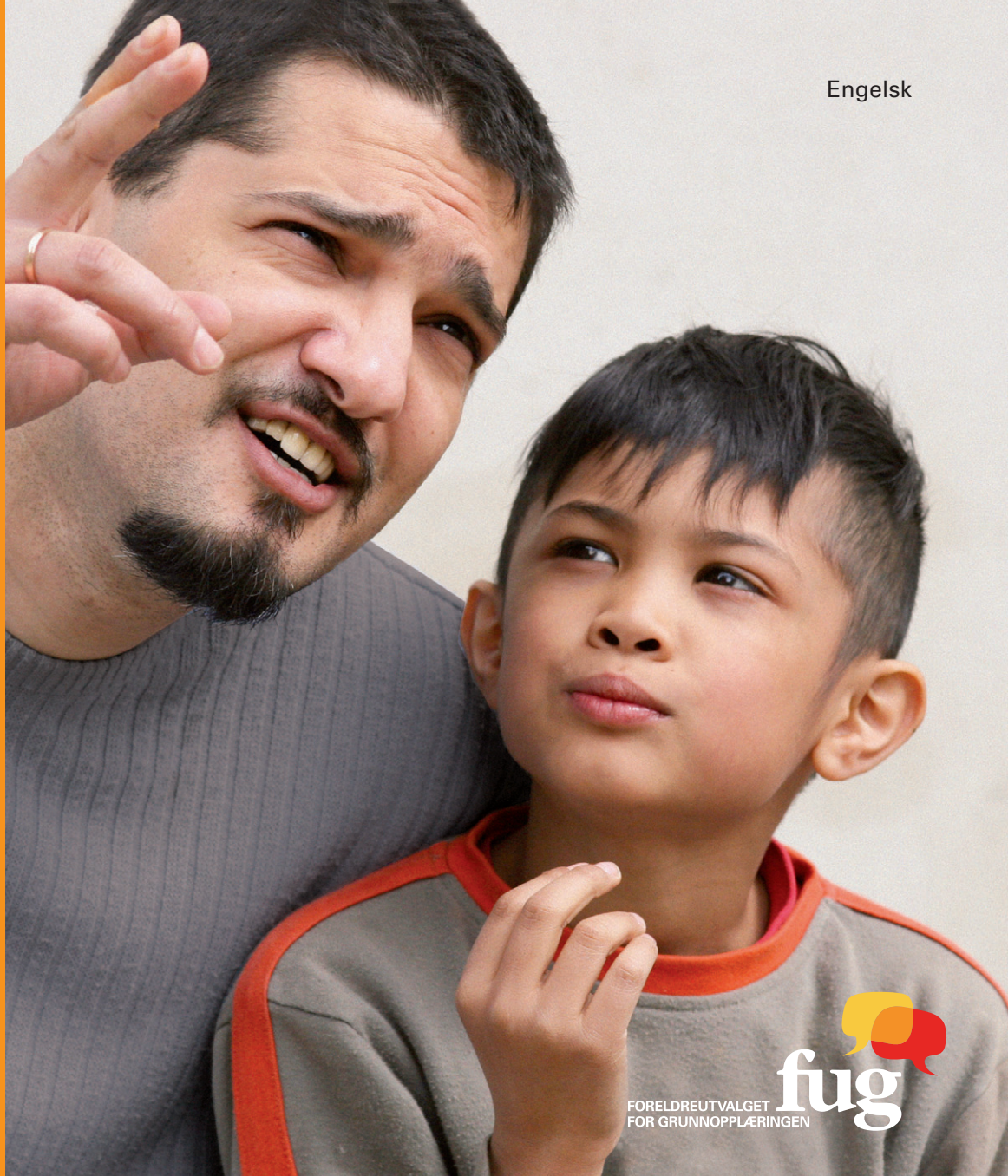


# CHILDREN AND SCHOOL NEED YOU!

Engelsk



## The home is important for learning in school

### Play and learn together with your child

- Your support means more for your child than the teachers.
- No one knows your child better and how he or she learns new things – use this knowledge!
- Sit with your child when doing homework, even when you don't understand everything. Ask what your child is reading.
- Talk to your child about what he or she has experienced or learnt in school.
- Go to parent-teacher meetings to show your child that you are involved in the school.
- Be a good role model – show that you read and learn new things.

## Light the fire of learning in your child

### – curious children are often more motivated to learn

- Answer your child's questions, and find answers together.
- Praise children when they ask questions and find the answers themselves.
- Show that curiosity is good by asking your child questions.

[www.fug.no](http://www.fug.no)  
gives you a parental  
perspective on relevant  
school policy issues

### Did you know that

- the Education Act states that parents have the main responsibility for bringing up their children and therefore have shared responsibility with the school?
- all parents have the right to participate in the school?
- you can influence your child's schooling through the parents' council, as a parent representative, as a member of the Parents' Council Working Committee (FAU), the Cooperation Committee (SU) and even the school's board?
- school must give all pupils adapted teaching?
- pupils in primary and lower secondary school who cannot follow the regular teaching in school have the right to instruction in their native language and special instruction in the Norwegian language?
- pupils who have inadequate learning outcome from the regular teaching have the right to special needs education? Parents must apply for this with assistance from the school.
- the school must strive to cooperate with parents on the education it provides?

### Give your child more words

- Take your child to the library and talk with them about what things are called in the language you know best.
- Read and tell stories to your child in the language you know best.
- Use words your child already knows in new situations. Give the words new meaning.

## Children learn in different ways

### Some children learn best by

- seeing you do the same thing
- looking at pictures
- listening to stories or being read aloud to
- touching things and doodling
- moving their whole body

How does your child learn?

It is important that parents are involved in their child's learning and that they meet with the teacher and attend parent-teacher meetings and other activities at school. Getting to know the teacher and other parents improves the learning environment. If parents get involved:

- A stronger network is created; parents can support and help each other.
- Cooperation can be established on setting common rules for the children.
- The social environment at the school is improved with less bullying, less disturbance and better well-being.
- Absenteeism is reduced and the children become more active at school.
- Teachers get to know more about each child and can provide better follow-up.
- The children's academic results are improved.
- More pupils complete upper secondary school and take higher education.

## www.fug.no

is a service from Foreldreutvalget for grunnsopplæringen (FUG) (National Parents' Committee for Primary Education).

Here you can obtain:

- Tips on how you can contribute to your child's learning and how to become involved in school.
- News and good examples of cooperation between home and school.
- Material and good advice for parent representatives and members of the Parents' Council Working Committee (FAU) and the Cooperation Committee (SU).
- Special pages for minority-language parents.
- Useful links to other websites about children, school and learning.

**Foreldreutvalget for grunnsopplæringen (FUG) is a national committee for and composed of parents with children in school.**

### FUG focuses on:

Cooperation between the home and school

- Protecting parents as stakeholders in school
- Providing knowledge on how the cooperation between home and school works
- Informing parents on how they can support their children
- Setting the agenda and supporting parents in relation to important issues such as the indoor climate, bullying, parent-teacher meetings, school work and more

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