

Building a sense of belonging and qualifications for a more secure future

Pauline is a single parent from London who relocated to Somerset to be near her parents, although she had to live in temporary accommodation. She left school with no qualifications and is not working.

She first joined a “Parents Learning Children Learning – Reading and Writing with Children” course at her local primary school. She hoped this would help her feel more settled in a rural area, meet other parents and to be more familiar with the education system. She was recruited to the course through personal contact and letters home.

Once she started the course, Pauline found that her confidence improved in lots of ways. She met other parents at the school and it helped to give her a sense of belonging and place. She also realised that activities at home were supporting her child at school.

Pauline has since gone on to train as a Teaching Assistant and has completed Level 1 and Level 2 Numeracy and Level 2 Literacy, as well as the NVQ Level 2 City & Guilds Teaching Assistant qualification. She was also keen to continue her involvement in Family Learning at the school and attended a “Keeping Up With The Children” course.

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