

A SMART Education for Your Child

Parents of children with learning difficulties are often caught in an unexpected storm of uncertainty over how to identify and intervene with their child's educational requirements. A newly-opened centre based in Moycullen, Co Galway, SMART Education offers an educational solution to parents that may require some guidance and assistance in this area.

The SMART Education centre offers professional and independent educational services for children aged six to 18 years. Services at the SMART centre include a study skills program for students in second level education, as well as tutorials and learning support in English and Maths. The centre also offers specialist programs for children with ADD, ADHD, dyslexia and dyspraxia. SMART education offers the 'Fast ForWord®' products to help children with reading and learning. SMART works on the cognitive skills and builds language skills using a systematic programme that is designed to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the child, pinpointing exactly their priority areas. The course is then adapted to each individual and each student has constant mentoring in order to make rapid and lasting gains.



Help Your Struggling Reader

Some of the clues that may signal potential reading problems in a young child are difficulties with rhyming, delay in learning the names and sounds of the letters of the alphabet, and difficulties with pronunciation after the child turns 5 or 6. Owner Mary O Dowd commented 'If your child has difficulty learning the skills of phonemic awareness and phonological processing, early intervention is vital'.

Recent research in a Dublin based school suggested that the use of the SMART Education products strengthened the students' foundational skills, allowing them to benefit more from the classroom curriculum at the same time as increasing reading comprehension ages by an average of 2 years in just 4 months. The results of using the SMART Education program not only benefit the child's learning but also build the child's self esteem.

The centre offers a basic child friendly consultation and assessment options include a full written report that can then be referred onto occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and educational psychologists if required.

The SMART Education program is available online for students in remote areas and the use of their reporting system insures each child is monitored closely.

With consultations starting at just €50, it's one of the best investments a parent could make towards their child's future.

The education centre is owned and managed by Mary O'Dowd, who has over 25 years teaching experience. Mary recently won the prestigious Network Galway Business Woman of the Year Award for New Business.

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