**Teaching Assistant Training**

**Unit 5: Working with parents.**

Helpful websites:

<http://eal.britishcouncil.org/teachers/country-information/>

Information on countries and education systems.

<http://eal.britishcouncil.org/teachers/language-information/>

Information on home languages.

<https://www.babcockldp.co.uk/disadvantaged-vulnerable-learners/emtas/bilingual-resources>

Bilingual resources (e.g. Standard letters translated into different languages).

<https://acceal.org.uk/your-childs-home-language/>

Advice for parent on raising children with more than one language.

<http://www.primaryresources.uk/letters/index.htm>

Website for better communication with parents, who don’t speak English. Standard letters translated into different languages.

<http://www.schooleducationgateway.eu/en/pub/resources/toolkitsforschools.htm>

European Toolkit for Schools - Promoting inclusive education and tackling early school leaving. A database of information and resources from across Europe.

**Organisation and online resources - official websites and general information parents information:**

<https://ealresources.bell-foundation.org.uk/parents>

For parents and carers who have children who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL) at school. This website contains:

* Information about the school system
* Resources and advice to support your child’s learning
* Ideas to develop your English

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/education>

GOV.UK – UK government website with general information and advice about schooling.

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum)

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<http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/>

School Finder - To find information about a particular school.

<http://www.schoolsearch.co.uk/>

School search (independent schools) - To find information about independent (private) schools in the UK.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Office for Standard in Education (Ofsted) responsible for carrying out inspections on schools. (Results of the reports)

**Advice Services**

Advisory Centre for Education (ACE) - an independent advice centre for parents. ACE is offering information about state education in England and Wales. Free telephone advice on topics including exclusion from school, bullying, special educational needs and school admission appeals.

Tel. 0808 800 5793 - [www.ace-ed.org.uk](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)

Childline: a free 24-hour helpline for children and young people in the UK, to help in relation to any problems. Tel. 0800 1111 - [www.childline.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx](http://www.childline.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx)

Parentline Plus provides a wide range of information, advice and support for parents. It has a freephone 24 hour helpline and a wide range of useful information on their website.

Helpline: 0808 800 2222 - [www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk)

The Refugee Council is the largest organisation in the UK working with asylum seekers and refugees: [www.refugeecouncil.org.uk](http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk)

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI) is a charity campaigning for justice in immigration law. It offers legal advice and strategic casework: [www.jcwi.org.uk](http://www.jcwi.org.uk)