

# Family Engagement

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[How to stay creative and keep your family sane during lockdown – from one of the world's best teachers](#)

Family Engagement is Necessary for Student Success!

## Parents can encourage creativity by...

**Asking questions:** Creativity is all about questioning: How can I? Why should it? What would happen if? How can I make this, or how can I change this? It's about making sure that children are always being asked those questions.

**Keeping everything:** Do not chuck anything away. Keep a bag with all the egg boxes and toilet rolls in a corner, because that's going to be a mine of incredible craft-making materials.

**Setting challenges:** What kind of musical instruments can you make today from what's in the bags over there?

**Giving them time:** The beauty is that the parents are in control of the time, for once. So you can give your child two hours to get on with a wonderful creative task, and they wouldn't have that in school.

**Finding online resources:** Use sharing resources like [Twinkl](#), [BBC Bitesize](#). And then there are the entrepreneurs, like Joe Wicks doing kids' exercise classes. There are also artists and designers sharing resources.

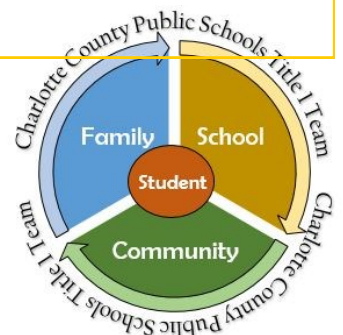
**Being creative with space:** Think about the space in your house. What can you change, what room could be theirs? What space is not utilized? What can you get rid of to make them a work area or for their equipment? That's a very easy thing to fix.

**7. Thinking outside the paintbox:** Creativity is not just about arts and crafts, it's also about the kitchen. What kind of lunch can they make for you while you're working?

Feeling guilty about your kid watching too much tv?  
Just mute it and put on the captions  
BOOM!  
Now they're reading!

## Online Classroom Etiquette For Students & Families "Netiquette"

- Be kind with your words
- Think BEFORE you hit the send button (Would you want your grandma to read it?)
- Share only appropriate materials
- Use appropriate language
- Participate in discussions



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