A central place for teachers, students and parents to interact and share

Strengthen school community ties by providing safe spaces for groups of students and teachers to interact outside of normal classroom activities. Create student communities for school clubs, and professional learning communities for teachers to help develop their skills and promote job satisfaction. Keep parents involved in their children’s school lives through a dedicated Parent Portal with automatic updates on academic progress, access to assignments and more.

Teacher to Teacher

**Communities:** Teachers can use communities to collaborate across the organisation, by grade level or subject area. Others can join communities for special or pedagogical interests.

**Library:** Teachers can share resources in the Library, collaborate on shared resources, and rate and review resources.

**Resource or Sandbox Courses:** Teachers can create special courses with no students where they can collaborate on the design of template courses, units, lessons and assessments.

Teacher to Student

**Planner:** Teachers use the planner not only to plan, organise and align units and lessons, but also to communicate with other teachers and students.

**Bulletins:** Post bulletins to students as text, video or audio – viewable on any device, including through our mobile app.

**Messages:** Send messages to the entire class, one group, or to individuals. Send messages through the recommendation engine, informing students of personalised tasks, or through assignments, reminding them of upcoming due dates.

Rubric and Assessment Feedback:
Teachers use rubrics not just to score performance, but to give students concrete, actionable feedback on assignments.

**Calendar:** Add events on a course calendar that link to a resource, activity or lesson plan. Events automatically display in a student’s mobile app or the device’s calendar.

**Task Block on Dashboard:** Give students a list of all tasks to complete in order of due date, including personalised tasks.

Student to Student

**Within courses:**

**Discussion Boards:** Students can post ideas or collaborate on subjects, using the rich text editor to record audio and video, or embed external media.

**Surveys:** Students can be given permission to create surveys and analyse results.

**Course Group Folders:** Groups can have their own course folders to add resources, or communicate through discussion boards, chat and video conferencing.

“The pupils enjoy the sense of community itslearning provides. The students love to see who is online, chat and send messages – not only to their peers, but also to the staff.”

Sue Parker
Manor Primary School
Peer Assessments: Teachers can allow students to create tests and assignments, and analyse results. Peer assessments change the role and status of the student from passive learner to active learner and assessor, and involve students in critical reflection.

Bulletin Comments: When a teacher creates a bulletin, students can be given the option to comment, encouraging student voice as a stream of comments.

Outside of courses:

ePortfolios: Students can self-reflect on learning through ePortfolios, and comment on others’ work.

Blogs: Students can create blogs and comment on others’ posts.

Communities: Students can create communities and invite others to join so they can collaborate on projects, special interests, study groups or clubs.

Messaging: Students can send and receive messages to other students.

Teacher/School to Parent

Parental involvement is a key component of student achievement and success. However, having access to grade and attendance reports isn’t enough. With a dedicated, customisable Parent Portal, parents have simple and secure access to information about all of their children, which makes teacher-parent communication easier than ever.

Tasks: Parents see all tasks assigned to each child aggregated from all courses.

Planner: Parents easily access the course planners; including lessons, resources and activities.

Course Reports: Know how each child is progressing including the Learning Objectives Progress Reports, which tell a better story about student progress than traditional gradebooks.

Individual Learning Plans: See progress each child is making on Individual Learning Plans.

ePortfolios: See student progress, and participate in student-led conferences via ePortfolios.

Polls and Surveys: Allow parents to participate in polls and surveys to ensure that the teacher and school have heard the voice of the community.

Parents may also communicate via:

Messages: Send and receive messages from teachers or administrators, which can auto-forward to a specific email address.

Communities: Join communities in order to collaborate and communicate about school events, clubs or PTA/PTO groups.

Courses: Enroll in parent courses and access an aggregated calendar for children, courses and communities.

School Dashboards: Each school can manage their own school dashboards and include bulletins or embedded Twitter and RSS feeds from the school’s public website.

“itslearning is most commonly used to share teaching & learning resources allowing teaching teams to collaborate and share resources more effectively than had previously been done.”

Dermot McLaughlin, Faculty Leader and IT Strategic Manager at Lydiard Park Academy
Communicate and Collaborate via the web

Online tools allow learners of all age to practice the collaborative skills needed for success in college and career as well as part of the global community. Teachers also find opportunities, inspiration, and support online to continue to improve their classrooms and to make learning more personal for each student.

“What’s important as a parent is that itslearning is a communication tool. There’s no doubt about which assignments are due, when they’re due, and how they’re supposed to be delivered.”

Bill Kaufman, Parent, Lambert High School

We believe effortless communication has a really big impact on how we teach and how we learn. Itslearning’s modern and easy messaging system will lower the barrier for communication between students, teachers and other users.

Discussion boards help users collaborate, give feedback and share ideas in both courses and communities.

The Parent Portal goes beyond the traditional grades and attendance to become an effective and easy channel to really understand what’s really happening with their child. Parents can access student’s tasks, course planners, individual learning plans, ePortfolios and more!

More Ways to Communicate and Collaborate

Parent/Teacher/Student
• Student-led conference using ePortfolios
• Individual Learning Plans

Teacher/Mentor
• Individual Learning Plans for professional growth
• Planner sharing
• Blogs and ePortfolios

Community Member/Student
• Individual Learning Plans for internship tracking
• Guests in courses
Features of itslearning Communication & Collaboration

Here is a short list of the features that itslearning provides to help teachers, students, administrators and staff more effectively communicate, collaborate and stay connected!

- Mobile app
- Messaging
- Dashboards
- Planner
- Bulletins
- Auto-Forward of messages
- Platform available in over 17 languages
- Communities
- Individual Learning Plans
- Conference/Chats
- Discussion Boards
- Surveys
- Parent Portal
- Blogs and ePortfolios
- Translation of Word Documents through Office Web Apps
- Twitter Widgets and RSS Feeds
- Calendar Events
- Library
- Rate and review Library items
- Record cross-platform audio and video

itslearning is your one-stop shop to organise and manage functions for creating and delivering courses, assessments, standards management, grades and more. With itslearning, everyone in your school system can work efficiently, collaborate and communicate – all in one, simple interface that works well on a variety of devices – from Chromebooks to tablets, and smartphones to laptops.