Tip on how to support your child with homework and learning

1. Discuss Homework

Give your child a chance to talk about their school work. Even if you know nothing about a particular subject, you can still help just by talking and listening and helping them to find their own answers.

2. Encourage

Praise your child for their hard work or their improved concentration and presentation. Help them take responsibility. Some children find it difficult to stay organised, plan their day and stay focused.

3. Use available tools

Checking and signing the homework diary will help you show your interest, commitment and support for your child. This helps you and your child know that their homework is being monitored and also builds up goodwill between yourself and the school.

The internet can be great for looking things up and finding out more so encourage your child. The school website and app has useful revision/learning tools.

4. Help your child keep a routine

Encourage your child to do homework on the day it is set, not when it is due. It is still fresh in their memory and will be quicker and easier to complete.

You child has spent time with her form tutor creating a bespoke revision timetable. Help her stick to it, put up in a visible place and discuss it with her. Some children prefer to do homework straight after school, others prefer to 'unwind' first, or have their meal then do homework later. Let your child decide – but ensure they stick to it.

5. Establish a study zone

This is ideally somewhere with a clear work surface, good lighting and no interruptions. Try to teach younger siblings not to interrupt when homework is being done.

6. Offer rewards

Set up some treats like family game time, spending 10 minutes extra on a device, or having a friend round.