

Supporting your child with their homework

The most effective way to support your child with their homework is to provide them with the opportunity to complete their work to the best of their ability. This will be best achieved through good study habits and taking a pride in the presentation of their work.

Being organised

- Download the “Class Charts Parent” app or login on your computer. You can use the “To do” tag for each child to check which homework is due, incomplete, complete, submitted or not submitted.
- Encourage your child to complete homework within good time of the deadline. It is better to do homework sooner rather than later, and not to leave it to the last minute. That way, if there is any confusion or questions, there is more likely to be an opportunity to ask the teacher for clarification ahead of the deadline. In addition, the new information and instructions will be fresher in their mind, so homework tasks will be easier to complete if completed sooner.
- Encourage students to complete their homework in an area that is free of noise and distraction. Consider putting mobile phones and other devices in another room whilst homework is being completed. Studies show that studying without a mobile phone being present is most effective way to engage with learning.
- Look at and talk about their homework once it is complete. Discuss with your child how their completed homework compares with the instructions. For example have they completed the right questions, have they given enough examples, have they justified their choices?

Presentation of homework

For new parents, you will know the standard of your child’s presentation of work whilst at primary school better than their secondary teachers do.

If you know that work is rushed, or presented in a way that does not represent your child’s best effort, encourage your child to re-draft or re-do. As teachers, we will really appreciate your support on this.

Encourage your child to use the following guidance on how to present their homework:

- Not decorating homework with graffiti or stickers
- Drafting work then checking for content, organisation and accuracy. Reworking as necessary, then writing up neatly.
- Heading written work with a title and the date.
- Making proper use of margins and indented paragraphs.
- Writing in blue or black ink, and self-assess work in green.
- Only using additional colour when this is necessary to aid presentation.
- Proof reading all work for spelling, punctuation and grammar.