



# WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT SCHOOL



**SOUTH DARTMOOR ACADEMY**





# INTRODUCTION

As a parent or carer, you are your child's first and most important teacher.

Evidence shows that when a parent/carer is involved with their child's schooling, the child does better and has better feelings about going to school. In fact, this goes further. Studies have proven that when parents/carers and families are involved with their child's schooling, this has more success and impact than how much money a family has or indeed how much education a parent or carer has.

There are many ways in which a parent/carer can help their child at home and throughout the school year and beyond the school year.

Here are the top tips to help with this!





*Exploring Interests*

Visiting an event

Going to a museum



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And finally, encourage active learning. Active learning as well as quiet learning is key to building confidence which supports progress which supports success. Listen to your child's ideas and act on them. Allow creative thinking. Increased participation does result in increased progress at school.

*Solving Problems*

*Being in a Show*

*Asking Questions*



*Being in a Team*



*Asking Questions*

*Solving Problems*

*Spending time with friends*

*Exploring Interests*

*Playing Sport*

*Playing a musical instrument*



# SUPPORT LEARNING AT HOME

- Educational Days Out – explore new places, go to a different town shopping. Plan these in advance and together; don't overload a day with too many activities.
- Learning Together - explore a brand new activity, play games together, do a crossword or quiz; have things ready for rainy days.
- Schools follow the government's curriculum, so holidays shouldn't. Let your child choose the curriculum – things they love and find inspiring. Try Theme days or weeks.
- Include books and quiet play in the holiday – this develops the imagination and independence. There doesn't always have to be a planned activity.
- Create a summer logbook or journal where they keep pictures, tickets, write stories, keep a diary. This could be electronic but a hard copy can end up being a lifelong keepsake and memory.
- In Year 11, some holiday time will be used by successful students to make a difference to outcomes. The summer before Year 11 is a great time to complete coursework or revise key topics; Easter is definitely the time to start revising so plan this in advance of the Easter holiday. Use May Half Term wisely to re-energise but also to revise carefully.

## **ALSO TRY 1: HOLIDAYS**

Holiday time can be a valuable learning time – this isn't school learning but a time for a variety of activity – this can be quiet learning as well as active.

