



WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED AT SCHOOL



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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!



SUPPORT LEARNING AT HOME



Top Tip 5



- Have a positive attitude towards education in front of your child. Children pick up on attitudes and mirror models provided. Valuing education openly at home and being enthusiastic about school and learning can spark enthusiasm from your child and lead to better progress and success. This is a very powerful model.
- Show interest in their interests – this will promote further learning and success and rewards for everyone.
- Monitor TV, Social Media usage – these are important and powerful modern day tools but overuse is damaging. There are very many studies that show increased stress related to these overused tools especially when used all the time or late in the evening.

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- Encourage reading. The importance of this cannot be overstated. This is where students see written models and develop depth of language. Encourage library use – this supports independent learning and research.
- Talking with your child about a wide range of things, using a range of language. Talking supports understanding, listening and reading. Talk about what you see – sight is massively important in learning more. This also encourages the expectation that they can talk too, and share with you issues if they occur. They know they'll be listened to. Always show interest in what they say and develop conversation.
- Encourage and support independence and responsibility. These will be needed to be fully successful at school and in life. Show how a child can break processes down into smaller steps, support monitoring of this but also encourage them to self monitor. Agree rules and responsibilities. Share plans for activities, trips, nights at friends, nights when you are out.