

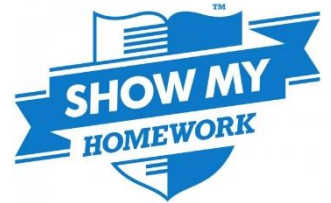


Helping Your Child Learn At Home

In these unusual times and with a potentially prolonged absence from school, it is crucial that your child continues to learn at home. Whilst you may not feel confident in delivering new learning to them and playing the role of 'teacher', you might find some of the guidance and ideas on here useful. We hope this helps.

Firstly – remember that school will be setting work for your children to complete through Show My Homework in the coming weeks. All students have a login for this platform and parents can access it too.

The work set should be plenty to keep them busy. This should be the primary work that your child completes but... you may want some extra bits for them to do... and you might want some guidance on how to help keep them focussed.



Routine...

This is crucial if you and your child are to succeed with home study...

- ✓ wake-up time should be regular and before 8.30am. Establish what time breaks will be.
- ✓ set chunks of learning time according to your child's ability to focus. Tasks should be worked on in 20-30 minute chunks before there is a change of focus.
- ✓ if all school work is completed and you need more, focus on the core subjects of Maths and English
 - ✓ use the links sent you in other letters for ideas of what online learning can be undertaken
 - ✓ ask to see your child's work and ask them to explain what they have done
 - ✓ try to offer feedback in a constructive a way as possible
 - ✓ can you question and debate about certain topics?
 - ✓ make sure your child has some physical activity – get them active in the garden
 - ✓ restrict their screen time. Remember, they don't watch tv or play on consoles at school
 - ✓ give your child some jobs to do at home to help run the house
 - ✓ build in some rewards for what you deem to be good work. All kids love praise.
 - ✓ set and maintain a regular and sensible bedtime

Some other considerations:

Be realistic about your support – don't try and replicate exactly what teachers do in school.

If your child asks 'why' they have to work – don't answer, 'because I said so'. Help them understand they need to be ready for when school restarts.

Give them an element of choice, and therefore control, with the order in which they work.

Make sure they pick up a pen and don't complete everything on a screen.

Make sure your child is well fed.

...and finally...

Here are some other excellent learning opportunities your child be may be able to access and enjoy.....

Science and Nature – BBC Documentaries like Planet Earth, Blue Planet are available through BBC iPlayer. **BBC iPlayer**

Horrible Histories – covering any number of historical events – also on iplayer.

And even some art....check out Rob Biddolph on youtube who shows you how to draw cartoons.

