

## General Advice

- Check student planners on a daily basis as teachers write notes to parents and comments about attitude and behavior.
- Purchase a pocket dictionary and encourage your child to use it. Make sure he/she keeps it in their bag.
- Cut back on distractions (MSN/ Xbox, TV etc.) So that your child can read. Reading books will provide them with a wealth of ideas and extend their vocabulary.
- Ideally, your child's computer should not be in their bedroom. Better to place home computer(s) in a central location so that you can keep an eye on your child.



## Useful Websites

- [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents)  
- advice on helping your child
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/games/>  
- interactive games and quizzes
- [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)  
- a gateway to revision sites for every subject
- [http://revisioncentre.co.uk/parents/helpingwithschool\\_work.html](http://revisioncentre.co.uk/parents/helpingwithschool_work.html)  
- homework and revision advice
- [www.teachers.tv](http://www.teachers.tv)  
- videos aimed at teachers and pupils online. There are revision programs and literacy/numeracy programmes every week

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## Homework and Revision Guide

Helping you  
help your child



## Homework Advice

- Take an interest in your child's school work. Give them plenty of encouragement and praise.
- Support your child as they take responsibility for organising and completing their own homework.
- Create a quiet space at home where your child can work without being disturbed.
- Help your child create a routine that works for them.
- Encourage your child to keep a record of difficulties for homework. This record should then be shown to their teacher who can work with your child to help overcome these.



## Help your child by asking the right questions

- You've been studying ... What can you teach me about ...?
- What support do you need?
- Ask specific questions e.g. What is the German word for 'white?' or What is water made from?
- Recognise your own personal emotional state. If you are worrying or tense, it might not be a good time to work with your child.
- Don't be afraid to STOP if it isn't going well. Try to agree what the difficulty is and when to come back together later.
- Always end with praise. They'll feel good and you'll feel good!

"That's a hard thing to explain . Well done."

## Revision Advice

- Arrange things around exam revision and try to get other children and family members to understand what's going on.
- During exam time try not to put too much pressure on your child regarding chores or room tidiness.
- If your child loses their temper or gets moody, try to be tolerant. It's normal!
- Make sure your child has all the notes and books they need and encourage them to start re-reading. Try and work through a few sample questions with them.

