

HELP!



## WHAT AM I MEANT TO BE DOING WITH HOME LEARNING?

You may be

- Swamped with ideas and resources
- Struggling to get time to fit in home learning with working at home
- Struggling to get your child to do anything
- Worried as everyone else's child seems to be doing more
- Worried your child is falling behind
- Not sure how much time to give to home learning
- Struggling with technical issues.

Little  
and  
often  
is best!

First of all, please don't worry!

We are not expecting parents to teach their children new things—just practise skills they have already been taught in school. We will make sure children catch up when back in school. There are lots of things that we don't get the chance to do in school to reinforce learning. We wish we could, but there are too many children and we don't have the time to do practical tasks. You could really help us now with this.

*More than anything, enjoy this unexpected time with your child! Please e-mail us if you have any concerns.*

**Morning is best!**

Even some teachers like their lie-ins, but usually we find the best learning happens in the morning.

2 hours in total  
each day would be  
a great target!

What do we expect?

There is a grid attached about what is expected, on an ideal day!

On other days, please make sure that your child carries out the **MUST** tasks, split into short tasks, with exercise or free choice activities in between. The TV, Xbox, etc could be a free choice activity in between their tasks.

Explain to your child that the teachers expect them to do things *on their own* a few times throughout the day (5-10 mins reception children, up to 30-40 mins year 6 children). You could be sitting/ working nearby and maybe doing your own work/ jobs at those times. Put the kitchen timer on! Then have a chat about what they have done. Short bursts of concentration are best, then a free choice activity. This will help them be independent learners and give you some well-earned time for yourself.

Take time to do things together that you enjoy!

In the afternoon do lots of practical tasks together and talk to your child about it, while you are doing it. It may be baking, mending the car, cleaning, gardening, walking, exercise...

Turn off the TV, iPad and other screens occasionally!

- Read a book (you could sit and read the paper and model reading)
- Craft activities (a pair of scissors, old magazines, a piece of paper, a stick of glue/sellotape and some coloured pencils)
- Collect watches and clocks from all over the house. Learn to tell the time and read TV/train timetables