



READY TO LEARN - EVERY DAY!



**Giving your child a helping hand -
A short guide for Parents**



Ready to learn : This guide is based on the latest resources about what helps children's to succeed at school.



Helping hand: at home

- Help your child to have all the equipment they need for learning
 - Ask your child what they have learnt at school and take an interest in these topics
 - Allow your child to help you with shopping, cooking and other jobs around the house
- Be patient when your child is helping
- Make time for regular reading with your child including books, magazines, newspapers and online

Helping with homework:

- Provide a quiet place for your child to work
- Help your child develop a routine and set dedicated time aside
- Give encouragement and support to help your child complete their homework
- Help your child to learn the basics such as spellings and tables



Helping your child to learn in and out of the home:



- Link your child's learning to family activities. The school can give you ideas (or see the back page)
- Look for things in your local area that will help your child to learn such as nature reserves and museums
- Spend time playing outside and talk about the world around them
- Get to know what your child is learning and ask

the school about it

- Take time to listen to your child and explain things carefully, developing their understanding and vocabulary



Helping hand: at school



- Offer to help out with educational trips, visits and clubs when you can
- Ask your child's teacher how you can help in class e.g. with reading and practical activities
- Attend as many parents' meetings as you can, especially ones that are about learning
- If your school offers family learning, try to get involved



Helping with communication:

- You and your child's school both want the best for them so don't be afraid to ask questions
- Read the information the school provides – letters, leaflets, emails, texts or online
- Keep the school informed about family changes that might affect your child's learning, however small
- Respond promptly to school communications and let school know if you change your contact details



Helping with school life:



- Join the PTA and get involved with fundraising to support your child's school
- If your school has a Parents' Forum, use this to share views and ideas
- Take part in a Parent Helper Training Programme; this will help your own child as well as other pupils
- Give constructive feedback to your child's school

about what is working well



Exciting things to do together:

There are lots of fun activities you can do as a family to help your child with their learning and to support the school curriculum

- Visit a museum or historical site
- Go shopping and use real money
- Walk in a woodland
- Plant seeds and watch them grow
- Visit the library and choose a book
- Make a tent, indoors or out!
- Plan a route using maps, compass or
- Search for mini beasts or go pond dipping
- Look at the stars at night and find out
- Make a model, picture or collage with/without the planets everyday household items



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