

READY TO LEARN

EVERY DAY!

This joint NAHT and Family Action guide is based on the latest research about what helps children 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
- Take time to answer your child's questions and address their concerns



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



SCHOOL

HOME

- **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

