

# How You Can Support Your Child with Homework

Parents/Carers can assist by:

- Providing a table, chair, equipment and a quiet place to work.
- Checking the time spent on individual tasks.
- Checking presentation and content of all homework being returned to the Academy.
- Providing the Academy with information concerning any problems by contacting the academy directly.
- Responding positively when your child ask for help by giving plenty of praise and encouragement.

## Frequently Asked Questions About Homework for Parents/Carers

We have received questions and queries from parents/carers concerning a variety of aspects regarding homework. We have summarised these below in what we hope will be a helpful guide which will enable you to further support your child.

### **'What is my role in homework?'**

- Encouragement is a major role. Ensure that your child manages and copes with the workload. Sit with them. Talk to them about their tasks. If your child verbalises their learning they are more likely to retain the knowledge.

### **'I am busy and do not have the time to help. What can I do?'**

- It is not essential that you sit with them and work alongside them, but showing an interest is imperative. Ask them what tasks they are undertaking tonight and sound enthusiastic!

### **'I do not know enough about a specific topic to help my child. How can I help?'**

- Children thrive on rewards and encouragement. Maybe look at some information together. Help them collect information. Supporting your child is an excellent way of helping them.

### **'It is noisy and there is no space at home'**

- The Academy has several homework clubs which run from early in the morning until 4.30pm. There are also opportunities at lunchtime to complete homework.

### **'My child does not tell me about homework. What can I do?'**

- Look on 'Show my Homework'. Ask your child's form tutor. Ask them open questions about today's learning at school.

### **'My child spends more time than necessary on their homework'.**

Children work at different speeds. However, if they are spending inordinate amounts of time on tasks please do contact the academy if you are concerned.