**Tips for supporting children with Homework**

* Ask the school for a homework timetable, so that you know what homework should be coming home.
* Mark the current week with a paper clip or bookmark.
* Write the subjects in for each day.
* Check the child’s diary regularly.
* Set aside a regular homework time each day. Negotiate this with the child and build in some “down time”.
* Ensure that the child understands the homework task. Talk it through.
* Set a time frame for the homework to be completed. If it is not complete, write a note to the teacher explaining.
* Provide a quiet place for homework, where the child can work effectively but try and be on hand to support if needed.
* Break the tasks down into manageable chunks – for example, if it is a piece of writing, break it down into planning, writing in sections, checking. If it is a list of spellings to be learned, try learning two at a time, rather than all in one go.
* Help your child prioritise homework. It may work best to tackle the most difficult piece first.
* Communicate with the child’s school over any difficulties he/she is having.
* Can someone check he /she is writing homework down – the teacher, a TA or a homework buddy?
* Is there any other way homework can be communicated –for example, via the school internet?
* Can the child word-process homework?
* Are alternative forms of recording acceptable – for example, instead of writing, can the child present a timeline, mind-map, story-board, Power point presentation, poster, voice recording?
* Can the parent/carer act as a scribe?
* Try to keep homework as positive as possible. On completion, look at it together and decide on three good things about it and two that could be improved next time

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