



Aspire to achieve,
enjoy and excel



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Providing Support

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When parents and families are involved in their children's school, the children do better and have better feelings about going to school. In fact, many studies show that what the family does is more important to a child's school success than anything else. There are many ways that parents can support their children's learning at home and throughout the school year. Here are some ideas to get you started!

2. Attending parent's evening!

This is the first step so ... thanks for coming!

Teachers have a wealth of knowledge and experience, so ask for their guidance on how to help your child to do their best. If a teacher says something you don't understand, ask for clarification. You are not expected to know all about a subject or a method of teaching. A good teacher will identify areas for improvement, so don't be offended if you hear criticism of your child. This will be constructive and designed to help them to reach their potential.

If your child is with you, try not to sound disappointed or negative. Also, it is rarely helpful to compare your child's efforts to their peers – what matters is that they achieve in line with their own capabilities.

1. Don't be afraid to ask questions!

When you sit down the teacher often asks if you have any questions. It is difficult to know what to ask so here are a few questions you can try.

1. Is my child's progress in line with expectations?
2. Have they done anything particularly well, or badly?
3. What can they do to improve?
4. How can I help?
5. How can they contribute more to lessons?
6. How is my child's attitude towards their learning?

Finally – make notes so you can talk about it later – use the back of this newsletter!