

## Frequently Asked Questions About Homework

We have received questions and queries from parents and 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 son/daughter.

### **1. '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 the tasks. If youngsters verbalise their learning they are more likely to retain the knowledge.

### **2. 'I'm busy and don't have time to help. What can I do?'**

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

### **3. 'I can't help because education has changed since I was at school. I don't know what my child is taught.'**

You can support by appearing interested in school: read any communications from school, check out the school website, attend parents' evenings. Generally show an interest in school.

### **4. 'I don't know enough about a specific topic to help my child. How can I help?'**

Youngsters thrive on rewards and encouragement. Maybe look at some information together. Help collect information. Supporting is an excellent way of helping.

### **5. 'It's noisy and there's no space at home.'**

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

**6. 'How much homework should my child be doing?'**

Guidance is in the school's Homework Policy on the school website.

**7. 'My child doesn't tell me about homework. What can I do?'**

Ask your child's form tutor. Ask them open questions about today's learning at school. Compare the work they are doing each evening with the guidance on the school's website.

**8. 'My child's homework is set irregularly and then doesn't get marked.'**

The first thing to do would be to talk to your child and make sure of the facts. If there is an issue, tell us directly via the Raising Achievement Leader or Subject Leader.

**9. 'All my child seems to do is finish off work done in class.'**

Only occasionally will students be asked to finish off class work. However, be aware that homework will take many forms, but if you feel your child is being asked to complete class work too frequently please do not hesitate to contact the Raising Achievement Leader or the Subject Leader. If you aren't sure – ask or send in a query via your child.

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

Youngsters work at different speeds. However, if they are spending excessive amounts of time on tasks make a note on their homework – or simply write they have spent 30 minutes on this task.

The teacher will then take charge of the situation.

**Finally**

Homework is used to support classwork. It is an attempt to help youngsters become independent learners and more importantly, form a base of good practice which can be built on in future years. Mortimer Community College regards homework as an integral part of the learning process.

We hope you've found this guide useful. If you would like to make any suggestions for improvement, please contact any member of the school's Senior Leadership Team.

