

Homework/Family Learning

Purposes/Aims of Home Learning

- To continue to build on prior learning that has taken place in school
- To encourage each child to develop his/her skills in various contexts outwith the classroom
- To provide an opportunity for parents to become more involved in their child's learning
- To foster good home/school working relations which benefit each child's development

The amount and frequency of home learning will vary throughout the year, and will be managed by the teacher, with regard to the needs of the children and home setting. Parents are encouraged to seize this opportunity to work alongside their children and learn more about their child's knowledge, skills and abilities. Effective two-way communication is essential; please make any comment in the homework diary.

Help your child make time and find a quiet space for homework and reading. Getting into good "study" habits as they grow older

and move up through the school system should help them to become independent and successful learners. Give praise for putting time and effort into the work, not just for getting the right answer.

Helping the School

There are many things which as a parent you can do to support your child's learning in school: www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/17608/Parental-Involvement
Being a small school, we really value the help given to us by parents. We already have a valued group who have been through Disclosure Scotland/PVG checks, and help us with activities, skills, trips, Bikeability and sporting events however we would welcome further involvement to assist in the provision of more extra-curricular activities. If you have free time and are interested in volunteering, please contact the school office.



How Can Parents Get Involved?

IT TAKES A
VILLAGE
to raise
a child.

When parents are involved in their education, children do better on a wide range of measures.

Why would I want to be involved?

You have a right as a parent to be involved in your child's education and schools welcome this. There is lots of evidence that shows that when parents and educators work closely together, children do better, so your relationship with the place and people involved in your child's education is important. Any interest and involvement you have will show your child that you value their education. Getting involved can also be a great way to make contacts and friends with people who have children of the same age.

How can I be involved in my child's education?

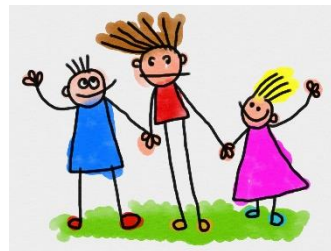
You can be involved in different ways -

- Support your child's learning at home
- Support what schools asking of your child at school and through homework
- Talk to staff if you have concerns
- Read notes and progress reports sent home and offer your comments
- Attend open evenings, Parents Night, fetes, shows and displays of work

- Attend meetings with teaching staff to discuss your child's progress and plan future targets
- Join the Parent Council and help influence plans for your child and others

I'm not sure I've got anything to offer. What would be useful?

Time, a pair of hands, ideas, energy, skills, support...depending on the age/stage of your child and how involved you want to be, this could be helping in class, with outdoor projects, going on trips, sharing your own experience and skills, joining the Parent Council or fundraising.



What can parents do to help their children?

Spending quality time together is important at any age. It's good for parents to encourage healthy habits and routines from the start - diet, sleep, exercise, balancing

work and play. That way young people will be able to make good life choices for themselves when they're older.

What can I do if my child isn't coping?

There's a whole range of reasons why a young person might struggle, whatever stage of life they are at - difficulties at home, fall-outs with friends, learning difficulties... There's helpful information at www.infoscotland.com/justask from spotting the signs of stress to parents' rights and the range of different needs support can help with.

Additional Support for Learning

We are committed to the well-being and educational development of all learners. The process of inclusion requires all involved in the business of learning and teaching to demonstrate commitment, innovation and flexibility to ensure that all children and young people have access to quality learning opportunities and experiences. More information is available at <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/16163/Additional-support-forlearning>