

## The Teacher's Responsibility

- To set homework which is at the right level
- To be aware of other pressures and responsibilities pupils may have
- To be realistic about deadlines
- To check homework completed and give feedback.



## The Pupil's Responsibility

- To keep a careful note of what is required and when it is due
- To plan ahead
- To make the time to do homework carefully and well
- To look for help if stuck or frustrated
- To make sure to hand in completed homework on or before the due date.

## The Parent's Responsibility

- To know what is expected and when home work is given
- To talk with the child about what and how he/she is learning
- To listen to worries and be patient
- To get in touch with the school if there are worries
- To sign/comment on homework to acknowledge their awareness of what has been completed.



## Places to go for more information..

### At Heathhall:

Each class teacher produces a termly newsletter which outlines class homework guidance.

We produce numeracy and literacy helpful hints guidance for further information.

### Websites

Parentzone  
[www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk](http://www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk)

Channel 4 Homework High  
[www.channel4.com/homework](http://www.channel4.com/homework)

BBC Parents [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents)

BBC Bitesize [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision)

BBC DynaMo [www.bbc.co.uk/education/dynamo/parents](http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/dynamo/parents)

Grid Club [www.gridclub.com](http://www.gridclub.com)

Parents Online [www.parentsonline.gov.uk](http://www.parentsonline.gov.uk)

ParentLine Scotland Tel: 0808 800 2222  
[www.parentlinescotland.org.uk](http://www.parentlinescotland.org.uk)

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## Helpful Home Learning Hints for Parents



## Did you know?

- When schools and families work together, children do better.
- Children learn something well when they talk about it or explain it to someone else, so asking your child about their homework really helps them.
- Children who do homework regularly throughout their time at school benefit from the equivalent of roughly an extra year's schooling.
- Between the ages of 5 and 16, children spend only 15% of their lives in school so supporting them at home really improves their chances of success.
- Parents and families are by far the most important influences on children's lives.

## Homework is.....

A lot of research has been carried out on homework over the years. The experts tend to agree on four basic purposes. Good, well constructed homework :

*Helps children to become enthusiastic about learning. This is more likely to happen when children are given some choice, for example where to learn, what time to do it, what method suits them best.*

*Helps to develop new skills and practise old ones. Skills can be anything from reading more quickly to better presentation of work or how to find out information. It needs to be within a task that children can see a point of.*

*Should help children go over and consolidate what has been done in class. Most things that are taught disappear very quickly from memory if we do not have a chance to practise or rehearse them.*

*Should develop confidence to deal with setbacks and frustrations to overcome difficulties and solve problems. With time these become habits and serve people through out their working lives.*

## How successful homework can be in achieving all of these things will depend on:

### What's helpful to know about homework?

It's quality that matters, not quantity - the kind of homework your child does is often more important than the amount.

Even if you have little time, or don't know much about the subject or level your child is studying, you can still be involved.

It's not your time or ability, but a positive and encouraging attitude to your child's learning that really matters.

Homework is for children to do, not for parents.

How we learn is as unique as our fingerprint so every child might well approach homework differently.



## Working Together .....

To get everything working well together rests with three key people:

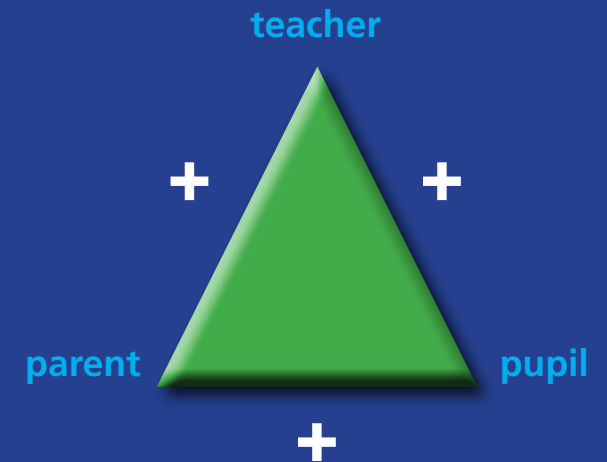
🍏 the teacher

🍏 the parent

🍏 the pupil

The single most important ingredient of success at school and in life rests on the power of three to work together well.

The triangle below is a way of showing the ideal situation.



*Replace any plus with a minus and the learning process becomes less effective.*