

Aim high

One of the most powerful things you can do for your children is show them you believe in them and their ability to do their best at school.



Talking about the value of learning will instil a belief in your child that education and learning are important.

Talk to your child often about the hopes, dreams and plans they have for the future.

Ask your child every day what they learnt at school or what they found interesting or fun in their day.

Let your child know you think it's important they do well at school.

Create a good homework environment

There are two important things you can do to get the most out of home learning: building your child's confidence and supporting them to learn independently.



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Create a special space for study to make home learning a calm & organised experience.

Be available to help if your child has a question. Make it a positive time you share together.

Rules about homework are good to have but it's important to avoid confusion by pushing children to do more, or expecting them to do less, than the school asks. Talk to your child's teacher if you have questions about homework.

Learn about the world together

Children learn by exploring new things and finding new interests.



Provide your child with the opportunity to be exposed to new things, to explore new areas of interest and to participate in community or cultural events.

Learn about the world by enjoying sporting, multicultural and other community events together.

Talk about your own learning. Share the message that learning is important at all ages.

Everyday activities like shopping, cooking, eating, cleaning, gardening and playing provide opportunities to learn.

Talk with your child

Just spending time talking with your child helps them to learn and grow.



Have fun with language together. Play word games, sing songs and make up nonsense rhymes.

Talk about fun times.
Talk about big ideas.
Talk about what they're learning at school, what they enjoy and what they find difficult.

Exposure to languages other than English is beneficial to your child's education and life experiences.

Share stories that are part of your family or cultural heritage.

Listen to your child and give them time to respond when you ask them a question.

Support good relationships

Children tend to enjoy learning and being at school when they have strong friendships and get along with their teacher.



Help your child to manage their social and emotional wellbeing, including negotiating peer relationships.

Support your child to develop friendships through play dates, team sports and other activities.

Be positive about school and respectful of teachers – help your child to build and maintain a positive relationship with their teacher.

Help your child to respond to negative experiences You can involve teachers and other key staff at your child's school to assist in this process.

Make reading a family affair

It's never too early or too late to start reading with your child.



Ask your child's teacher for advice to support your child's enjoyment and skill development in reading.

Read and talk about books and stories with your child. Ask about their favourite characters or what they think might happen next.

By creating a positive reading environment you will encourage your child to love reading.

Praise your child for their effort and persistence when they are reading.