

# HOW TO...

## A PARENTS GUIDE TO HOMEWORK

### STAYING ON TOP

You can monitor homework tasks and general information about your child on [www.go4schools.co.uk](http://www.go4schools.co.uk)

You can log on to Go 4 Schools by following the steps below:

1. Provide the school with a valid email address
2. Log onto [www.go4schools.co.uk](http://www.go4schools.co.uk) and enter your email address in the section for 'first time users'.
3. The website will email you a password which you can use to log in.

Encourage your child to log onto Go 4 Schools, each pupil has had a school email set up for them which they can use to log in to Go 4 Schools. Once they have activated their email on Office 365 they can use the above steps to log into the website where the teacher can upload resources, extension packs and homeworks to help them further.

### TOP 10 TIPS STUDY HABITS AT HOME

1. Know the teachers — and what they're looking for. Attend school events, such as parent evenings to meet your child's teachers. Check the school website for homework policy and log in to 'Go 4 schools' to find out what homework has been set.
2. Set up a homework-friendly area. Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within reach. Encourage your child to attend the homework club if they find studying at home difficult.
3. Schedule a regular study time. Build routine into study time at home that work for your child and you. A regular routine will help your child to build good study habits which are vital to overall success when it comes to exams.
4. Help them make a plan. On heavy homework nights or when there are extended homework projects, encourage your child break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary — and take time for a 15-minute break every hour, if possible.
5. Keep distractions to a minimum. This means no TV, loud music, social media or phone calls.
6. Make sure kids do their own work. They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions, but it's the learner's job to do the learning.
7. Be a motivator and monitor. Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
8. Set a good example. Kids are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.
9. Praise your child's work and efforts and not just good outcome.
10. If there are continuing problems with homework, get help. Talk about it with your child's teacher.