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How can I help with homework?

Dear Parents

We often receive questions and queries from parents and carers concerning a variety of aspects of homework. We've summarised these below in what we hope will be a helpful guide which will enable you to further support your son/daughter

'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.

'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!

'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: reading the school newsletter; attend parents' evenings. Generally show an interest in school. Check the school website.

'I'm 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.

'It's noisy and there's no space at home'

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

'How much homework should my child be doing?'

Our policy is that in year 7 and 8 homework should be no more than 30 minutes per subject; Year 9 is 45 minutes per subject. The homework timetable is on the school website.

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

Look in the planner. Ask your son/daughter's form tutor. Ask them open questions about today's learning at school.

'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 (Head of House).

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

It is important from time to time to finish off classwork. However, homework can take many forms. If you aren't sure – ask.

'My child spends more time than is necessary on her homework.'

Youngsters work at different speeds. However, if they are spending inordinate amounts of time on tasks make a note in their planner – or simply write... 'x has spent 30 minutes on this task'. The teacher will then take charge of the situation.

And 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 years 10 and 11. Windsor 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 Mr McHenry, Assistant Headteacher