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Useful Links and Contacts
Parentzone: www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk

Channel 4 Homework High
www.channel4.com/homework

BBC Parents www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision

BBC Bitesize www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision

BBC DynaMo www.bbc.co.uk/education/dynamo/parents

Grid Club www.gridclub.com

Parents Online www.parentsonline.gov.uk

Parentline Scotland
Tel: 08088002222 www.parentlinescotland.org.uk

Parent Network Scotland
Tel: 0131 555 6780 www.parentnetworkscotland.org.uk
Parents, carers and other family members can and do make a real difference to children's education. When parents and schools work together, children do better. Children learn a great deal at Nursery and school and you can add to that learning by supporting them at home. For example, showing an interest in their homework, reading with them and talking to them about it really helps them to learn. With support and encouragement, children find it easier to get into the homework habit.

### Why is homework so important?

Homework helps your child to:
- learn how to organise and manage their time
- take more responsibility for their own learning
- practise and build on what they have learned
- develop confidence to deal with frustrations, overcome difficulties and solve problems.

### What is the purpose of homework?

Homework helps teachers to check your child's understanding of classwork and keep track of their progress. It lets you find out what your child is doing at school and get involved in their learning. For many reasons, parents can find it difficult to support their children when they have homework. This leaflet may help you to get involved.

### Who is involved?

Homework arrangements work well when the parents, the child and the teacher understand the roles they play. The school can explain how you as a parent can:
- let the school know what you expect
- know what the school expects from your child
- know what the school expects from you
- contact someone when you want information or are concerned about homework.

So, if you are unsure about anything, get in touch with the school.

### 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.