

Home Learning Strategy



Why:

'Research shows that learning at home can have significant immediate and longer term impacts on children in different ways. These include a child's early learning, later achievements, nurture, resilience, wellbeing, social mobility and skills for life.

Supporting parents to help them with their child's learning at home is therefore 'a vital part of improving outcomes for children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds'

(Hunt et al, 2011)

A review of our homework policy, in consultation with TPS and WPS parents, pupils and staff (Oct 2023), led to the development of this strategy

What:

- [Education Scotland: Learning at Home Review](#)
- [Education Scotland: Parentzone - Learning at Home](#)
- [Education Scotland: Engaging Parents and Families](#)

How:

- There are regular opportunities in the annual calendar to share learning – Stay and Play, Showcases
- A working party leads the School Improvement Plan focus on offering a wider range of family learning events throughout the school year
- Parents are involved in target setting and supporting learning through parents' meetings; Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings; Child Planning Meetings (CPM)
- Home learning achievements are shared through Wider Achievements session at community meetings and on a display board
- Fortnightly home-learning grids are sent home from school to consolidate literacy and numeracy learning (phonics/spelling – including common words; reading; maths/numeracy). Parents/carers are encouraged to complete this with their young people.
- Home-learning will be shared with parents of P1-2 via Seesaw, and will be given to P3-7 pupils on Teams.
- Homework can be uploaded virtually or recorded in a jotter (provided by school)
- Staff will acknowledge receipt of completed home-learning through leaving a comment online or in the jotter provided
- Suggested Activity Leaflets will be provided to parents/carers with a range of ways to support the literacy and numeracy concepts being focused on in school, along with guidance on how to carry these out.
- Links to useful websites to support home-learning will be shared with parents and carers who would like to do additional activities with their young people.
- Reading books will be provided and will focus on developing reading strategies. Reading materials provided by the school will be short enough to allow young people to choose their own materials to read for enjoyment at home.