

# Top Tips for Supporting your child with working at home

- Ensure you are aware of the work that is being set for you child and the deadlines set for each piece of work. Notifications of work can be accessed via ClassCharts – if you are unable to log in, click the reset password link in your app like any other website.
- Try to encourage your child to follow their regular timetable – lesson work can be found in the google classroom – all students have been given codes to access their specific teacher's classroom. *We are aware that home can be rather busy at this time, and we appreciate you may be juggling time/ equipment. If your child needs an extension on their deadline due to this – simply message their teacher on Google Classroom.*
- We only expect your child to be completing 2 – 3 hours of work per day – take this time to enjoy being with them – we don't expect perfect home schooling – this is not something any of you expected or were prepared for!
- Draw up a timetable/ schedule of work so your child knows what they are doing each day, and what work is due. Pin this to the fridge if needed 😊
- Sit with your child whilst you start them off on their work – they may say they are okay, but may also get in a bit of a pickle! Starting them off may really help to get them going, rather than asking them to manage this themselves. Remember, in school a teacher would always start them off on a task....
- Try to only use the allocated time for a task (stated in lesson) or an hour (standard lesson length) – do not spend too long on the one subject or task.
- For further support on resources that can be accessed, please use the curriculum booklet on the website for additional signposting and reading for each subject. <https://www.maidenerleghschoolreading.co.uk/page/?title=Supporting+your+child%26%238217%3Bs+learning+and+progress&pid=140>
- Ensure your child uses the 'private comments' feature on assignments to get feedback or support from the class teacher if needed.
- Remind your child they can still earn house points for their work! Praise them when you see the house points come in!
- Try to ensure their day is varied – add some activities where possible to give them a brain break – read a book, bake a cake, allow designated game time... allowing too much free time will only make routine harder to follow.
- Encourage your child to log into the Google Classroom for their year group – there are lots of opportunities to interact safely with peers, staff and links to useful resources, as well as the offer of a group video chat with their Head of Year!
- Finally, do a little reading yourself – there are some great articles out there with some excellent tips and ideas for you – you never know you may relight a passion of your own from school! 😊 Examples of websites include:
  - <https://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-homeschooling-five-ways-to-keep-your-kids-learning-happy-and-healthy-11959988>
  - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52018134>

