



## Tips to Help Engage Children in Home Learning: Guide for Parents

Try these tips if your child is refusing to work, lacks motivation or can't concentrate.

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### Outline the structure of the day:

- **Keep a visual timetable** to help your child know what to expect from the day and when learning time will end. Involve your child in setting the timetable, where possible
- **Stick the timetable up on the wall** so everyone knows what they should be doing when, and tick activities off throughout the day
- **Do short 10-15-minute activities** – short bursts of learning may be more effective, and give you as a parent more time. After each learning activity, give the child free time to look forward to
- **Block out time for physical exercise** – make sure you're leaving time for exercise, outdoors if you can

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### Have a clear end point for each task:

- **Set a visual timer** – so they know how long the task will last and how long they need to work independently for
- **Or, have a measurable time limit** – e.g. write 5 lines or read 2 pages

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### Try different methods to motivate your child:

- **Get them to do a project that interests them** – let your child choose the topic (e.g. write a letter to your favourite celebrity]
- **Learn through practical activities** – Examples include: writing out a cooking recipe, reading instructions on your game console, writing down names of places you'd like to visit
- **Have a rewards system** – e.g. stickers or praise

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Take a look at these resources from the NSPCC too:

- [Working from home with a family](#)
- [Arguments, conflict and family tension during COVID-19](#)

## **Need further guidance?**

If you'd like to discuss your child's engagement with home learning with the school, please contact: Mr. Reed (Deputy Head Teacher) by e-mailing [enquires@kinggeorgev.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:enquires@kinggeorgev.sandwell.sch.uk) or contacting the school office on 0121 553 0060.