



Home Learning- The Role of Parents/Carers

Parents, carers and other family members can make a real difference to a young person's learning. When schools and families work together young people make better progress and are more likely to achieve their full potential.

How much time should be spent on learning at home?

The amount of time spent on home learning will depend on the class and the individual child. The amount will vary from subject to subject but will generally increase as pupils move up the school. Each department will explain their home learning policy to your child.

Why is learning at home important?

Learning at home helps students to:

- Reinforce and build on what they have learned at school.
- Take more responsibility for their learning.
- Learn how to organise and manage their time.
- Develop a confidence to overcome difficulties and solve problems.
- Develop their talents to achieve their full potential.

How can you help?

Even if you have little time or don't know much about the subject your child is studying you can still be involved. It's not your ability but a positive attitude that matters. People learn by explaining what they are learning to someone else so asking about homework really helps. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding home learning.

- Ask about home learning regularly – do not be put off by claims that no homework has been given.
- Check your child's showmyhomework account (see below) – you can help your child plan their work for the week.
- Provide a quiet place at home free from distractions for your child to complete assignments.
- Look at the school's website or your child's **Edubuzz** site to find out what they have been studying: <http://edubuzz.org/blogs/dunbargrammar/>
- What happens when students miss a deadline? See the flow chart below:

What is Show My Homework?

The school uses the Show My Homework calendar to manage the homework process and measure the efficacy of work set. The Show My Homework calendar makes it easy for our school to effectively track and monitor the impact of homework. For our teachers, it provides an easy way to set and communicate homework details. For parents, it will provide visibility and transparency regarding the homework details and deadlines your child has received from the school.

Pupils and parents/carers will receive either a username and password or a PIN from the school. By logging in, you are presented with a personalised homework calendar. For pupils, this will allow you to see homework relevant to you. For parents, you will be able to see what homework your child has received.

The school homework calendar can be accessed by pupils and parents without login details at any time by going to the school website and clicking the homework link. In addition you can use the link below to go directly to the school homework calendar.

<https://www.showmyhomework.co.uk/login>

Pupils, teachers and parents can use the filters to find the homework that has been set.

All teachers will be expected to set homework using Show My Homework.

There is also a free iOS and Android app for teachers, pupils and parents to download. Downloading the app will provide push notifications and reminders about new homework set and deadlines.

The school will use a variety of reports to ensure homework is set with purpose, is good quality and is set consistently and effectively across the school.

