

Home Supported Study

Please find outlined below the rationale for the Home Learning procedures we have adopted as a school through consultation with you as parents.

The purpose of home supported study:

- To enhance the partnership of parents or carers , involving them actively in their child's learning
- To consolidate, generalise and reinforce skills that are worked on across the secondary curriculum
- To increase your child's participation in the family grouping
- To encourage students to develop the self-confidence to work independently

Home Support Study

The need for parents and school to work together to support the learning of individual students is an important link in the learning process. Our aim, through the implementation of this process, is to ensure parents have the opportunity to support, consolidate and become active participants in the learning of their child.

The strategy is based on the belief that parents have a right to be both informed and involved in their child's education but that the responsibility for identifying and implementing the precise educational programme to meet the needs of individual students, is the responsibility of the school.

Whilst some parents wish for 'formal homework' tasks to be set there are also a number of parents who consider the time that students have out of school as important personal and social development time and do not wish to have such 'formal requests' made of their children. The commitments outlined below try to reconcile these two positions and allow for parents themselves to determine the level of participation and involvement they wish to have in their child's work.

Aims:

As a school we aim to provide:

- a termly outline of the areas of study for the whole curriculum
- suggestions for supported work and areas for extended study
- optional 'home supported' key words/tasks for students and parents to work on

We ask Parents to:

- to support students in their work in a reasonably peaceful suitable place where they can do the study
- to become involved in extended study opportunities, whenever possible
- to support students on study key words/tasks sent home from school

What activities may be set:

Key Words to a topic

Learning spellings

Designing a front page to a piece of work

Life skills – such as making a hot drink or a sandwich

Supported study needs to be:

- Achievable
- A rewarding experience
- Fun !

We do not wish for supported study to become an added pressure for either parents or students but we do believe that encouragement and involvement from parents can have a positive impact on students' learning and achievement.