

# Manor School Home Learning at KEY STAGE 2

**Manor School**



There are lots of fun, easy things you can do to at home to help your child make progress with their learning. This leaflet provides a few ideas and suggestions on how you can help your child to develop the skills they need to become more confident, capable and independent in a wide range of situations.

We know that when we work together with families our children have the very best chances to achieve.



## Getting the basics right.

- Children learn best when they come to school every day. Please ensure that your child has good attendance by following our attendance policy which can be found on the school website.
- Good punctuality is really important for making sure that when your child comes to school they are ready to learn and can settle quickly to their learning activities.
- When your child has a medical appointment it is expected that you'll either bring your child in after the appointment or you'll collect them early to go to their appointment.
- Please attend all meetings with school staff as these are planned in the best interests of your child. It is expected that all families will attend 1 Annual Review Meeting, 2 Structured Conversations and meetings with therapists or specialist staff as necessary. You are also very welcome to come and meet with staff at other times. If you contact us we can make arrangements for staff to be out of class to see you.
- We regularly hold special celebrations such as International Day and various faith based celebrations which families are always invited to. It's always really lovely to see how happy the children are when their families can attend these events.
- Teachers write weekly home school link books to keep you informed about information regarding the class and your child. Please sign or write a comment to let us know that this information is helpful or include some information about what your child has done at home so that we can initiate conversation with your child at school.



*Support me to take part in community activities*

There are lots of activities going on in Brent that your child could take part in. Many of our children love swimming and already know Willesden Sports Centre. Willesden also offer Sports Ability Club, QPR offer disability football sessions and Party Man World, Wembley offer events that siblings can also attend and don't forget about Wembley Children's Library.



*Make it fun*

I like it when I go to new places.

I like to meet new people and learn through having fun.

I like it when I can play outside.

Can we invite my friend



## *Teach me to be responsible*

Now that I'm older there are things that I should help with around the house that will boost my self-esteem and make me feel grown up. Perhaps I can be rewarded for the jobs I help with. I could make my bed, tidy my room and help with washing the dishes and setting the table.



It's really important that I'm taught to be as independent as possible so that once I go to secondary school I can do more things for myself.

## Talk with me

When you talk to me and listen, it helps me learn how to express my thoughts, needs and feelings. We can talk to each other at any time during the day. If your first language isn't English, then speak to me in the language we usually use at home.



## Tips for talking

- Tell me what we're doing.
- Add gestures and visual clues.
- Listen to what I say and repeat it.
- Keep it short and simple.
- Talk to me when you're cooking, shopping, tidying up.



## *Completing homework*

At Manor School we use the home link books to let you know about all the things we've done during the week. If you'd like to follow this work up at home you could.

- Use Reading Eggs on the computer. The class teacher can provide log-ins.
- Use Mathletics on the computer. Again, the teacher can provide you with your log-in.
- Read to or with your child. Please see the teacher for advice over reading books.
- Creative, play activities for you to work on with your child. The teacher will advise you if you wish to discuss this.
- Occasionally a teacher may provide a worksheet related activity but only if the teacher is certain that your child can do this independently. If they are unable to, this will damage their confidence.

## *Praise me*

Encouraging me and helping me by saying “Well done” makes a big difference. It makes me more confident so I’ll keep trying even when I make mistakes. I am listening to what you say to me throughout the day. I love seeing your face when you praise me.

### *Tips for praising*

Praise me for being who I am.

Notice when I try and have a go at something.

Tell me I’ve done well when I achieve something.

Whisper praise in my ear.

Give me a clap.

Give me a big hug.



Reward your child for the things they do well. For example:

- First we’re going to the doctor’s then we’re going to the park.
- Have a bath and then play with your i-pad.
- Eat your dinner and then have some ice-cream.

Your child’s teacher can help you if you require resources such as ‘now and next’ boards.





For more ideas:

- Look at your child's home school link book.
- Make sure you know the PIP Targets your child is working on.
- Call to book a meeting with your child's teacher.
- Call to book a meeting with your child's therapist.
- Keep an eye out for parent training opportunities.
- Contact Marian for further advice or support.