

# Manor School Home Learning in EYFS

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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.

Please see the Early Years Policy on the school website for more information.



## 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 so that 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 and to share what your child has done or achieved at home. You can also let us know when you may need more help.



## *Play with me*

I learn by playing. Playing helps me make sense of the world and develops my social and communication skills. I like to touch, taste, smell, explore and try things out. We can play with all sorts of things around the home every day. I like it best when we do things together.



Tactile and sensory play with things like water, sand, bubbles and paint can also encourage all aspects of my learning.

## *Make it fun*

I like it when you get down to my level.

It's good for me to lead the play.

I learn through having fun.

I like it when we play together outside.

Can we invite my friend over to play?



## *Teach me to be independent*

Now I'm at school there are things that I should start to try and do for myself that will boost my self-esteem and make me feel more confident. Perhaps I can be rewarded when I have a go.



It's really important that I'm taught to be as independent as possible and that I'm given time to achieve things by 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 communicate with each other at any time during the day. If your first language isn't English, then speak to me in the language you are best at.



## 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.
- It helps me if you pause (10 seconds) when you speak or ask a question so that I can fill in the missing words or think of the response.



## *Read with me*

Sharing books brings us closer together. It helps to build my confidence and interests and improves my language. Reading together is also a calm activity that can help me to relax. Sometimes you can read the words and other times I just like it when you point at the pictures, laugh and make funny faces or sounds for me. Sometimes I just like to look at pictures.

We can also read together when we go out. You can point to different things and tell me what they are. E.g. animals, shops, vehicles etc.

You could take me to the library and I could look at the books there or even bring them home.

I'll also bring books home from school that we could make a special time to read.

## *Praise me*

Encouraging me, helping me 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, thumbs up or a high 5.

Give me a big hug.



### *Reward your child for the things they do well.*

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





For more ideas:

- Look at your child's home school link book.
- Make sure you know the Personal Intervention Plan (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.