

# SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 10 things you can do to help your child learn

1. Give your child confidence through lots of praise and encouragement. As a parent, you have tremendous power to strengthen your child's confidence - and confidence is vital to learning. Provide specific praise that focuses on a particular aspect of their work. Comments such as "I like the way you have..." is more effective than "You're clever!".
2. Read to, and with, your child as much as possible.
  - Government is encouraging parents and carers to read to children, hear them read, or encourage them to read to themselves for at least 20 minutes a day.
3. Encourage children to observe and talk about their surroundings.
  - Even young children can be helped to read notices and signs, for example, and understand what they mean.
4. Make use of your local library.
  - Look out for special events and services for children.
5. Visit museums and places you think your child might find interesting.
6. If your children like watching television, watch it with them sometimes and encourage them to talk about what they have seen. They will get more out of the experience.
7. Try to set time aside to do "homework" activities with young children.
8. Wherever possible, try to provide a reasonably quiet place for children to do homework.
9. Encourage your child to discuss homework with you,
10. Try to help your child see the enjoyable aspects of homework.

