

Simply THE BEST

BARKING ABBEY
PARENTAL NEWSLETTER 7

Parental involvement is consistently associated with pupils' success at school

Your Role Matters...



Every 2 weeks your child is introduced to a **BEST Learning Habit** at school, please ensure that you:

1. **Explain what it means**
2. **Show your child how to model the behaviour**
3. **Offer plenty of examples of how other members of the family have modelled the behaviour**

(Please use the resource for tips to help you, or find out more from:

<http://www.barkingabbeyschool.co.uk/assets/Uploads/Documents/The-Best-Learning-Habits-for-Parental-guidance.pdf>

Group work benefits pupils, study finds:

Children who work in groups learn how to compromise and resolve petty arguments as well as making rapid progress in mathematics, science and reading. The study from the Institute of Education at London University showed that pupils became more focused on their work and the amount of thoughtful discussion between children more than doubled, rapid progress was seen.

Groups outperform individuals on learning tasks, and individuals who work in groups do better on later individual assignments as well (Barron, 2000b, 2003; O'Donnell & Danserau, 1992).

Further reading: Powerful Learning by Linda Darling-Hammond

Here is our fortnightly learning habit and some tips to guide you:

Collaboration

Knowing how to learn with others, being able to work as part of a pair or team to achieve a goal, being willing to share and communicating with others courteously, respecting and recognising other viewpoints

Behaviours that you can develop:

Being outgoing, being friendly, being interested in others. Being solutions focused, taking turns to contribute, listening to others

Top Tips

Students

- Sit with someone new at lunch and have a conversation.
- Jointly plan a celebration or outing with a friend or a sibling.
- Complete a homework with a group of friends
- Plan to run a group activity.
- Join a trip/activity with people you do not know.

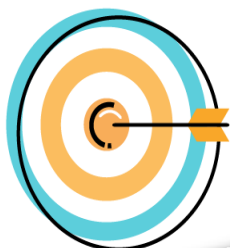
Parents

- Jointly plan a menu with your child and then shop for and cook the meal together.
- Play board games as a family.
- Encourage you son/daughter to join an activity outside of school to get to know, socialise and collaborate with other young people e.g. Scouts or Guides, your local place of worship, a sports club etc.

Remember

What is **rewarded** is **repeated**

What is teamwork?



Teamwork: The process of working collaboratively with a group of people in order to achieve a goal.

Teamwork is often a crucial part of a business, as it is often necessary for colleagues to work well together, trying their best in any circumstance. Teamwork means that people will try to cooperate, using their individual skills and providing constructive feedback, despite any personal conflict between individuals.

Why is teamwork so important

in the workplace?

Nearly 3 in 4 employers

rank teamwork and collaboration as "very important".



97%

of corporate executives, employees, and educators believe a **lack of alignment within a team directly impacts the outcome of a task or project.**



Greater ability to view situations from other perspectives - empathy

Develops higher level thinking skills

Develops oral communication skills

Builds self-esteem in children

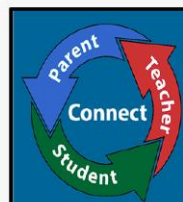
Develops social interaction skills

Creates active, involved, exploratory learners

Stimulates critical thinking and helps children clarify ideas through discussion and debate

Develops life management skills

Children develop responsibility for each other



To check whether your child has received BEST points you can use SIMS Parent <https://www.sims-parent.co.uk> or download the SIMS Parent App for your smartphone. Invites to SIMS parent have already been sent to all parents, if you haven't received one or need further help please email itsupport@barkingabbeysschool.co.uk