

10 ways to find out about your child's progress at school

1. Be confident about going into school to attend information and parents evenings.
2. Don't wait until there is a problem. The school will be keen to work with you as you are the expert on your child!
3. Find out how your school communicates (newsletter/email/text) and keep up to date with what is going on.
4. Many schools use a student planner. You can jot notes to your child's teacher in these very quickly and easily.
5. If you are concerned about your child, don't leave it to get better by itself. Phone or visit the school.
6. When your child receives marked Home Learning, make sure you know what the marks mean.
7. Look at your child's school work regularly and enjoy being positive about what they are doing well.
8. Try to build up a network of other parents so that you can get support from others who are having the same experiences as you.
9. Try to get a clear picture of what the school expects. If you are not sure, ask!
10. Talk regularly to your child about how they feel they are doing – they will probably have a keen sense of their own progress and will benefit from talking things through.