



Supporting your child's work in school

Through our regular Pupil Mentoring sessions in our schools for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6, we expect them to be able to talk to you about how well they are doing, what they are learning next and how they will be trying to improve on their work.

You can also support your child by:

Asking questions to help them think about their learning

- *Which work makes you feel proud?*
- *Can you see where you have made progress and got better at something?*
- *What have you enjoyed the most? Why?*
- *Where did you try your hardest? What difference did it make?*

Giving positive feedback about their work

- *Start with a comment like: "Well done! I can see how brilliantly you have ..."*
- *Praise their effort over their achievement*

Avoiding negative comments

- *If you say "Your handwriting is scruffy but I like the story." then your child will only hear the negative part and forget the nice bit!*
- *Don't focus only on presentation or spellings or handwriting- because we want children to be adventurous with imaginative content and amazing vocabulary they will sometimes forget some of the basics they are learning!*

Being specific in your feedback

- *I like the way you have...*
- *I can see you've tried really hard to...*
- *Your learning is improving because now you can...*
- *I'm so pleased to see...*
- *Can you think what might help you to improve your...?*

Try some of these- and always feel that you can speak to the teacher for more ideas if you need to.