



## Parents are important too!

At Upton Junior School, we believe that if parents are involved in their child's learning, and are enthusiastic about education, then the child has a better chance to succeed.

We welcome parents' involvement in all aspects of school life.

### **We involve parents in our school life in the following ways:**

- Parent governors
- Friends of Upton Parent Teacher Association (PTFA)
- Parent workshops
- Open classroom sessions
- Class assemblies
- Christmas performances
- End of year show
- Helping with school trips and in-school activities (e.g. Year 3 Sandwich Making Day)
- Volunteer reading scheme
- Parent lunch sessions

### **Learning Mentors**

We have two Learning Mentors that work with parents and children: Ms Danson and Mrs Turner. The ladies can be a first point of contact for parents, somebody who can liaise between home and school. Our Learning Mentors role is to ensure every child's well-being is high and they are emotionally ready and able to learn.

### **How you can help your child progress at school:**

1. **Be interested** - Make sure your child knows you are interested in what they have done at school and what they are learning. Don't be afraid of asking your child's teachers for information.
2. **Read** - Please read with your child for ten minutes or more each day. You could read to them or listen to them read to you. It doesn't always have to be a school book either - home books, newspapers, the internet, leaflets and even comics can all count. Try to keep it fun and interesting for you both.
3. **Maths Basic Skills** - Practise number bonds, basis adding and subtracting, times tables and quick answers to maths questions as often as you can. Practising these skills is easy but it keeps minds sharp and really helps children to reach the top in maths at school.
4. **Home Learning** - Please check your child's book bag every day and help them with any homework given.

### **Communication**

Regular communication between home and school is vital if we are to successfully build a partnership.

We place great importance on regular discussions with parents and the development of a trusting relationship. Many discussions between parents and teachers take place informally as a result of daily contact. Staff emails are shared at the start of the year and can be used as a means of dialogue. We use the My Child At School app as well as emails as our main communication channels, and post regular updates on our website - [www.uptonjunior.com](http://www.uptonjunior.com) and social media pages.



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