

Top Tips on.. General approaches to a positive learning environment in the home

- Set aside plenty of time to complete activities. Plan to do tasks before or just after mealtimes and not close to bedtime
- Create a clutter and distraction free area. This can help children to focus on their learning
- Have all necessary equipment ready before a task. This helps make learning a smooth experience and prevents distraction
- Sit alongside your child to share in their learning process. Taking a real interest in your child's learning can help to encourage them to learn more
- Explain clearly what work your child needs to do before they start a task. If necessary, give them a motivator as something they can do after work, once it is complete. E.g. watch favourite TV programme/ play a board game/ time to play with toys/ iPad time/ play-dough/ painting
- If your child is having particular difficulty completing a piece of work, it may be a good idea to have a break and then come back to it
- Praise children for their hard work and effort, even if they have found work challenging. This can promote self-confidence and self-esteem within children, helping them feel good about their work

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