Giving The Power Back To Parents

Find out how you can help improve the homework process in your school, so that you, as parents, can achieve complete homework visibility for you and your children.
The dinner table homework battle

For many families, the word ‘homework’ doesn't trigger thoughts of extended classwork, assigned to encourage independent learning, consolidating all that your child has learnt throughout the day to help them develop their knowledge and skills.

No. Instead, it conjures up frustrations around the inability to help and be involved with your child's learning through:

- Not knowing how to help your child, or your child not letting you know when your help is needed
- Arguments and disagreements triggered by lost worksheets and illegible homework planners
- Adamant children who say that no such homework exists, only to realise on a Sunday evening that there's homework due for first thing the next morning

Not only does homework take its toll on you and your relationship with your child, it has a domino effect. These frustrations and tears trickle down impacting upon siblings and partners, resulting in huffed conversations over the dinner table.

It doesn’t have to be this way.

Homework should never be a battle between you and your child. Show My Homework has been designed with the busy parent in mind, finally involving you in the homework process by equipping you with all the details you need to help your child to succeed.

How it works:

All teachers create and publish their homework online, on the school's calendar. Parents and students can manage submission of homework and view grades.

Here, you and your kids can log into your own personalised accounts and see just the homework relevant to you. You can review submission times, see grades and communicate with teachers around specific assignments. We've even got forgotten passwords covered - you can check for any homework set on the public homework calendar without ever having to log in!

Gone are the days of lost worksheets, illegible and missing instructions:

- All homework details are accessible 24/7, long after the school bell rings
- Monitor from a distance: Stay in the loop without being intrusive
- Enjoy peace of mind and never have to deal with late-night homework battles again!
Sawston Village College is a fully inclusive, mixed, comprehensive school with 1050 pupils aged 11-16. It is at the heart of its community, some 6 miles south of Cambridge, and has a strong traditional ethos based on mutual respect and a belief that we should unlock the potential of every child.

How was homework approached in your school prior to Show My Homework (SMHW)?

Before SMHW, homework setting was inconsistent and parents were left feeling frustrated by the home-school communication as it was overly reliant on pupils writing work down in their planners.

What was the final straw that led you to purchasing SMHW?

Parental dissatisfaction as expressed through surveys paired with poor audit results from the sampling of pupils’ planners was ultimately what led to the need to find a better homework solution. Having waited several years to find the best product that would help address our issues, SMHW was the answer.

What are your favourite features?

Being able to attach resources to homework has meant that pupils and parents can work through things together and overall has helped to improve home-school communication. Moreover, it has allowed pupils to catch up on missed lessons and serves as a very helpful archive of resources for revision and refresher materials. Teachers being able to reuse homework assignments from colleagues has also led to more collaboration and encouraged sharing of ideas.

What three words would you use to describe the effect SMHW has had in the school?

Clarity, Collaboration, Consistency.

Have parents commented on any time saving aspects of SMHW?

SMHW certainly saves parents time from trying to decipher whether their child has homework or not. They can now look to find the information they need online, saving arguments about planners. However, now some parents have disagreements with their children about the quality and quantity of homework and whether it really matches teachers’ expectations.

What was the biggest parental complaint you received about homework?

Parent complaints were centred around pupils not recording information in sufficient detail meaning they were unable to support their child as well as hoped.

SMHW 100% addresses this.

Jonathan Russell
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Sawston Village College

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Show My Homework for the whole school

The benefits have only just begun. Show My Homework allows Senior Leaders within school to track and monitor your child’s progress, and ensure complete transparency, making it easy to spot when a child may be struggling. Not only that, but it ensures that the quality of homework your child receives is always up to scratch.

Now that’s pretty important when you consider that homework can add an additional 5 months’ progress to a child’s learning!

Knowing when your child has homework and encouraging them to complete it can help them to develop and improve academically, providing them with better chances in life post education.

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(EEF Toolkit)

Getting involved as a parent:

Why not get Show My Homework onto the agenda of your next PTA meeting, and help other parents who don’t feel involved with the homework process. As parents, you are a stakeholder, and you do have a say.

Many schools have introduced Show My Homework not only to combat complaints that they’ve received regarding homework, but as a direct response to parents’ requests.

Schools that have implemented Show My Homework have seen an increase in parental satisfaction from 69% to 92%. Parents now agree that they believe the homework set for their child is appropriate and helps them to learn.

And the best part? If the school comes on board, as parents, you and your children can enjoy all of the benefits for free.

“I don’t know how I got through year 7 without it!”

“I think Show My Homework is a fantastic addition - I would be lost without it”

“Excellent way to check when pupils do not wish to discuss homework”
Show My Homework for Parents

Easily view and manage all of your children’s homework from one parent account.

- Daniel Smith
  - Last activity: 2 days ago
  - 1 item overdue
  - View to-do list
  - View gradebook
  - View notice board

- Michael Smith
  - Last activity: 4 days ago
  - 2 items overdue
  - View to-do list
  - View gradebook
  - View notice board

- Sarah Smith
  - Last activity: 1 day ago
  - No items overdue
  - View to-do list
  - View gradebook
  - View notice board

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Gradebook

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# Introducing: Show My Homework

Our online homework calendar addresses 100% of these concerns, and is changing the face of homework in over 1000 schools. Start your homework revolution today.

Your school is ready to go!

Three steps for you to take today to make homework work better for your child:

1. Sign in to showmyhomework.co.uk/pin using the login details sent to you from the school
2. Help your child change their password to something memorable
3. Download the free Show My Homework App on your smartphone