



# Tips + resources for homeschooling



## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SCHOOL

Follow the plans set by your child's teacher and make use of resources given by the school. Have a chat with the teacher if you need more guidance on expectations. This should be your first port of call.



## CREATE A TIMETABLE...

Set a schedule that works with your lives. every home has a different set of circumstances. Let your children help set up a timetable that will work for you all. If you are able to, try to schedule lesson times and break times but be realistic and make the timetable achievable.



## ...BUT BE FLEXIBLE

Be kind to yourselves. Changes happen and the unexpected is bound to occur! Lesson plans and timetables often have to change even in a school environment. Use them as guides but don't worry if things have to be postponed or even left off! Home school is new for many so don't focus on things that had to change. Allow time to adjust.



## USE YOUR CHILD'S INTERESTS

Nobody knows your child better than you so this is where you have the upper hand. Every teacher's dream is to design learning around a child's interests but with 30 children it is a tall order! If your child is keen on a particular topic, schedule these topics during times where you can take a mental break or focus on other work.



## CHOOSE ONLINE RESOURCES WISELY

There are an abundance of free resources available online. However, try to make sure they are age & ability appropriate. There is a place for activities to keep your children occupied (time-fillers) but try to ensure a mix of activities where your child is challenged so they are still learning something new.



## CONNECT WITH PARENTS

There are lots of online communities available, whether it be from your school family or one you've found on social media. You can chat with parents going through home school for the first time, share stories, get tips. Times may be hard but you don't have to go through it alone.

