

Scenario	Proposed solution from the community
<p>What can I do?</p> <p><i>My child refuses to do homework leading to sanctions at school. When we raise the issue it causes conflict at home.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin a dialogue: Explain that homework is to support lessons at school and it will help them • Use show my homework to monitor what has been issued and when.
<p>How can I make sure that they do the work they have been set?</p> <p><i>When I ask my son/daughter if they have homework I always get the same response "I've done it in school". Sometimes they tell me they don't know what to do because we don't have a computer or internet at home.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the facilities such as printers and computers if this is unavailable at home. <i>The school library is open before school, at break, lunchtimes and after school where students can access these facilities.</i> • Use homework club which runs from 3pm to 4pm. <i>It is run in the middle campus library from Monday Tuesday and Thursday and in SM4 ICT room on Wednesday.</i> • Access internet at the local library • Ask to see their completed homework
<p>What can I do to ensure the quality of the work improves?</p> <p><i>My son/daughter often does the homework but they rush it. They do not spend more than 15 minutes on the piece.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of student and staff email to discuss the work. <i>Emails are already available and provided to students. Please contact the school communication@barnwell.herts.sch.uk and the details can be passed onto parents.</i> • Ask to see the work at the end of provide feedback and suggestion before submission. <i>Research has shown that the expectation of a parent can have a great influence on raising quality of work of their child.</i>
<p>What can I do to make sure they get the work completed in a reasonable time?</p> <p><i>My child's homework is taking them ages to finish. They may spend hours on it.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow time guidelines on Show My homework • Develop time management with your child. It's important to sort out what is important. • More year 6 into year 7 transition work at homework management. It's a big jump from primary to secondary.
<p>What support could the school provide so that parents can help their children with the work.</p> <p><i>My child really struggles with the work. However I know if with a little help from me they can do better.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper support such as the science book. The school should look into extending it to Maths/English and possibly other subjects like humanities. • Provide examples of work to remind child of what needs to be done.