



# CANFORD HEATH INFANT and JUNIOR SCHOOLS

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Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Early Years 'Home Learning' Folders

Please find enclosed your child's new 'Learning at Home' folder.

### Learning at home folder contents

- Front cover- name card enclosed to learn how to write their name in our cursive font.
- Example comments- to give you an idea of things to look out for and comment on.
- Star pages- for you to fill out with your comments and observations of your child- your WOW moments!
- Number formation- these are the rhymes we use in school.
- Letter formation families/ alphabet- how we will teach the children to write their letters.
- Tricky keywords- the words we would like the children to read by sight by the end of the year.
- Mathematic Vocabulary- the terminology we will introduce and use over the year.

As part of our commitment to Parent Partnerships we would like to give you the opportunity to contribute to our knowledge and understanding of your child. We are aware that children display their learning behaviours and skills in a wide range of environments and some may be more confident to do this at home. We appreciate that school is just one part of your child's life experience and understand the vital role you play in your child's education. Consequently, we would really value any contributions that you would like to make to help us build a complete and accurate picture of your child's learning and development. In your child's learning journey folder at school there is a 'Learning at Home' section and all of the contributions made in the folder will be added to this section.

On the inside cover of your child's learning at home folder you will find information about the different areas of learning within the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Examples of parental comments have been included under each area of learning to give you an idea as to what behaviours and skills to look out for. This folder will help display your child's development over the course of the year, so please do not feel that your child should be displaying all these behaviours at the present time. Furthermore, whilst we want you to describe areas of success and achievement, do not hesitate to include things that your child finds difficult or struggles with. These comments can help us plan certain activities into our curriculum in order to give the children extra practise with developing specific skills. If your child creates a picture, write some letters or numbers we would love to see this too, please put



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this in the folder or take a photo of it. Or if your child has their photograph taken at any special event, has spent time writing or drawing, or they receive a certificate for something, we would really appreciate you sending them into school for us to share with them, as they will also form an important part of your child's learning journey in their first year at school. As you fill out the star pages, we will remove them from the floppy wallet and put them into your child's learning journey at school, alongside any photos or drawings or certificates that have been sent in throughout the year.

Within the folder you will also find some resources to help you support your child at home. We have included a poster of the four letter families that we use to teach letter formation and an alphabet poster of the cursive script that we use. As the children are introduced to each of the letters we will show them that it can be written in different ways (cursive/ non cursive, joined/ unjoined) but we will teach the children to write in our school font from the very start. All letters, except capital letters, start from the line and we leave these unjoined. The children will learn how to join as they move up through the school. We have included your child's name card in our cursive font so that the children can practise at home. Towards the back of the folder there are the number rhymes that we use to introduce the numbers to 9, which again help with the formation, and we have included a list of the different maths vocabulary that we will introduce and use over the year. There are also the keywords which we would like the children to be able to read by sight, by the end of the year.

As you never quite know when your child will have a 'learning moment', it is best for the 'Learning at Home' folder to be kept in the book bags, rather than sending them home at weekly or half-termly intervals. In this way you will have access to them at all times and can record your comments in the stars as and when you feel appropriate. In order for the class teacher to be able to read these comments please ensure this folder returns to the book bag after you have contributed to it and that your comment is dated. Please note that this folder is not meant to be an arduous task nor do we expect large amounts of information. This is just one of the ways for you to communicate your child's development and to keep us better informed. Moreover, it is important to highlight that this folder is for your contribution only but the class teacher will read and acknowledge the information you provide.

As always, if you have any questions or comments regarding this folder or any aspect of your child's development please see your child's class teacher or book a surgery appointment at the school office.

To get started, we invite you to add a comment to the first star about something that your child has done that has made you feel proud this week!

We hope you enjoy using this folder.

Early Years Foundation Stage Team