

Working with the School

1. Choice of School

- a) Look at all available schools
- b) Choose the one best suited for you and your child
- c) Help your child know what to expect when school starts

2. Build a Good Relationship with the School

- a) Get to know the principal and the teachers teaching your child
- b) Inform them of anything that will help them understand your child better
- c) Build a positive, cordial relationship with the staff of the school.
- d) Be sure to observe the rules of the school and ensure that your child does the same.

3. Visit the School Frequently

- a) Visit the school regularly
- b) Give positive feedback to the staff and your child
- c) People like hearing compliments. Compliments encourage the school to keep an interest in your child.

4. Get to know Parents of Other Children

- a) Knowing the parents of your child's friends will help you decide if the friend is a good one for your child.
- b) Parents can come together to help solve problems at the school or to work for the good of the school
- c) Parents can work together to change/build the image of the school

5. Know Your Child Strengths and Limitations

- a) This will help you know if your child is doing his /her best
- b) It will help you set reasonable goals and expectations for your child
- c) You will be able to help your child make better decisions about school and life.

6. Monitor and Supervise

- a) Ensure that your child does his/her homework on a regular basis
- b) Be interested and encourage your child to complete the assigned homework and extra studies
- c) Find someone who can help if you can't

7. Time Management

- a) Help your child make a schedule for after school
- b) Include some leisure activities
- c) Monitor to ensure that the child is keeping to the timetable
- d) Don't be the one to encourage your child to break the schedule
- e) If the schedule must be broken make sure to make up for the lost time

8. Celebrate Efforts and Successes

- a) Remember to praise your child for his/her efforts and achievements
- b) Be genuine in your praise
- c) Give rewards for work well done be it school or otherwise.