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# Show My Homework iOS App for Parents

## A step by step guide for downloading our app

### The App

The Mobile App is an easy way for parents to stay informed on-the go. To get the App, just visit the Apple Store and search for Show My Homework.

Once you have downloaded the app, you will need to search for your child's school. The best way to do this is by using the school's postcode. On the next screen you will be able to select "Log in with email or username" if you have logged into your account before or, if you are logging in for the first time with a PIN, please select "Log in with a PIN". When logged in to your app, you will be prompted to select a student, then you will see five main tabs across the bottom of your screen:

- To-do list: View upcoming, past, or overdue homework
- Notice Board: View important school announcements and event reminders.
- Notifications: Review notifications for grades, comments or announcements that have been posted for your child.
- Settings: Update your settings or log out. You can also contact our Support Team.

### To-do list

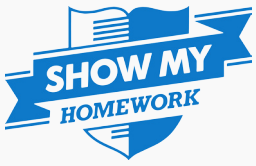
On the **Upcoming list**, you will find any homework with approaching deadlines. Once your child has completed a task, they can check the box beside its title.

Top Tip: You can toggle the "All/to-do" switch at the top if you wish to only see items that your child has not yet ticked off as complete.

On the **Past list**, you will find homework that your child has marked as complete and has a deadline that has passed.

On the **Overdue list**, you will find any homework that is now past its due date and has not been ticked off.

Please note: Because the To-do list is simply an organisational tool managed by the student, marking a homework as complete does not submit homework or communicate to the teacher that the homework is completed.



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# Show My Homework Android App for Parents

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### The App

The Mobile App provides an easy way for parents to stay informed on the go. To get the App, visit the Google Play App Store, search for Show My Homework and download!

Once you have downloaded the app, you will need to search for your child's school. The best way to do this is by using the school's postcode.

On the next screen you will be able to select "Log in with email or username" if you have logged into your account before or, if you are logging in for the first time with a PIN, please select "Log in with a PIN".

Once you are logged in, you will be prompted to select a student which will take you to their To-do list.

To navigate, tap the menu icon (3 horizontal lines in the top left corner). You will see five main sections:

- Settings: Edit your personal details, sync your Calendar, view your Notifications and contact Support.
- To-Do List: Here, you can view your child's Upcoming, Past and Overdue homework tasks.
- Notifications: View all notifications such as new homework tasks being set, new grades added and new events.
- Notice Board: Keep up to date with all school announcements and event reminders for this week, next week and this month.

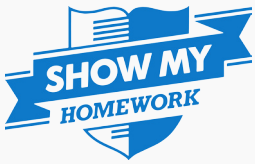
### The To-Do List

Your student's To-do List is split into in three sections: Upcoming, Past and Overdue. Switch between these by tapping on each tab along the top.

Items under **Upcoming** are tasks which have been set by your child's teacher which have not yet reached their due date. **Past items** are tasks that have passed their due date and **Overdue** items are tasks which have also passed their date but have not yet been marked as completed by the student.

The items in all 3 lists are in descending order based on their due date, with the most recent task at the top and the oldest task at the bottom of the list. Your child may tap the box beside the task name where a tick will appear and it will be marked off as 'Complete'.

Please note: Because the To-do list is simply an organisational tool, marking homework as complete does not submit homework or communicate to the teacher that the homework is completed!



# The Homework Software Reclaiming Family Time

## And giving parents complete homework visibility

**The Cavendish School:** Andrew French is a parent at The Cavendish School in Hemel Hempstead where his son is in Year 10. They've been using Show My Homework (SMHW) for over a year now and Andrew shared his views on the software and the impact it's had on his and his son's life.

### Since using the software have you seen an increase in your child's independence?

Since the school introduced SMHW, I've seen a massive shift in my son's attitude towards homework. For one, he's far more proactive now when it comes to actually getting his homework done. Having everything there for him, he no longer has to worry about scribbling down the right information or forgetting the worksheet, and the fact that he and I can always access the homework calendar means there literally is no excuse for not completing it.

Being able to see when the work has been set and when it's due, as a parent, means that I have the ability to intervene when necessary. But my son knowing this, and also him having the To-do List, has been a huge help to him when it comes to managing his workload.

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### How has having a clear-line of communication between home and school impacted upon you?

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though a weight has been lifted. I no longer need to check in on what homework has been set and find out what it is, all the information is there for me. Now, I can monitor what homework is being done, and know when I need to step in. It's definitely meant that there are less squabbles surrounding homework and we can make sure that everything is done before we go out for the weekend! Not only this, but me having access to detailed descriptions of homework means that I'm able to sit down with him and provide support if it's ever needed.

### How easy was SMHW to get onboard with?

As with any new initiative a school introduces, I was a little wary about SMHW when it was announced, but the system was so easy to use that any scepticisms I had disappeared. It's finally given me a clear insight into what homework my son is being set and that level of visibility is invaluable. It's also helped him massively when it comes to organising himself. I couldn't be without it now.

### What's your favourite feature?

Without a doubt, my favourite thing about SMHW is the visibility it offers. I can see all the details relating to my son's homework - completion time, due date and additional resources. Now my son can get the work done on time, to a high standard and I can offer help if it's needed.

**Andrew French**  
Parent

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# Supporting Home-Learning

## How you can easily provide support for your child at home

Family involvement in children's education has proven to have a positive impact on a student's school life. In Britain, studies have identified that students who are regularly supported by their parents perform significantly better in class exercises, exams and become more confident with their independent learning.

We've come up with a few simple ways in which you can help to support your child's learning at home, to ensure that they are performing to the best of their ability.

### Set up a study space

Studying at home has always been a problem for children. With the overwhelming temptations of playing video games, watching TV and socialising with friends on social media after school hours, it's natural for procrastination to happen. However, providing your children with a productive study environment at home will help students with their homework needs. This study space should, if possible, be a quiet place in your home away from distractions and have everything your child needs to complete the task at hand - papers, notepads and laptop if necessary. Having this space will help to eliminate distractions and increase your child's engagement with their homework tasks. By taking away the little distracting things, these study spaces can help your child to complete homework to their highest standard.

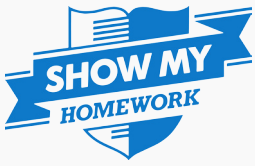
### Provide support

There is a fine line between helping your child with their homework and doing it for them. The goal for parental involvement is to support your child when they need help and build their confidence when answering questions and solving problems. When supporting your child, it is important to regularly communicate with them and ask questions to ensure they understand the exercise and the thought process behind their answer. Showing a continuous interest will encourage your child to work harder and attempt to independently tackle these homework tasks in the future. With the right guidance and support, parental involvement can empower students to reach their full potential in education and future careers.

It is also important to consider when it is time for self-directed learning. This mode of study encourages children to challenge themselves, solving homework tasks on their own and working autonomously. With the balance between providing support and independent learning, students will be prepared for life outside of school.

### Outside support

With a busy work and home life, it can be difficult to find the time to assist your child with their homework needs. Not to mention that in some subject areas, you may not feel equipped to give full support. One-on-one attention from a tutor is a great way to help your child complete homework if they feel the need for additional help. Investing in a tutor can help build your child's academic progression and confidence.



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It's important to have regular communication with your child's school so you keep up-to-date on their progress. Relying on your child's feedback isn't the easiest way to stay in-the-know on how they're performing. Talking with teachers can provide you with a clear insight into their school work and behaviour and they can always suggest ways in which you can further support your child at home.

Providing your child with the tools to complete work successfully at home will contribute to their overall school experience and help to ensure they are working to the best of their capabilities. Being actively involved in your child's school life can help to improve your child's academic progression, especially when this is executed consistently.