



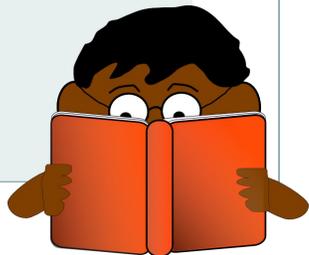
## RAISING BOYS ACHIEVEMENT: HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME!



I'm sure you are aware that nationally boys do not perform as well as girls in school, from pre-school to GCSE's.

Here are St. Peter's we want to 'close the gap' and have put together this information leaflet to show you how you can help your son at home! These tips will also work for girls!

All the information here has been taken from a book, *'Help Your Boys Succeed: The Essential Guide for Parents'* by Gary Wilson. Gary Wilson is considered an expert in how boys learn and in particular how to raise their levels of achievement. He has worked in schools across the country delivering in-service training to teachers and parents on how we can all help shift this trend.



1.) Give lots of encouragement to boost confidence.

2.) If your son has a reading habit encourage it. If not, do your best to help him discover one. You could ask his teacher's advice. Seeing other males in the house reading can also help.

3.) Guide him towards out of school activities that he will not only enjoy but also at which he can succeed.

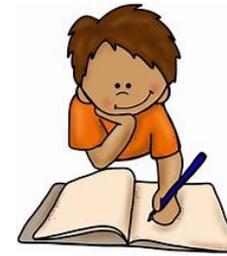
4.) Give him more responsibilities around the house and don't do everything for him! Independence is key to becoming an effective learner.

5.) Try to create some opportunities for learning at home by discussing the news or TV programmes.

6.) Persuade him that talking over his problems is best as it releases tension and anger.

7.) Make sure he has a list of things he needs for school each day...and make sure he gets properly organized in time. Planning and preparation prevent poor performance!

8.) Contact school immediately if you think your son is under pressure not to work.



9.) Good male role models can play a significant part in boys education e.g. by reading to them, giving help with work at home or even by helping out at school.

10.) Other learners in the house can be used as good examples.

11.) Make sure he has enough sleep.

12.) Reassure him that it is ok to express his feelings! In fact actively encourage it.

13.) Talk to his teacher whenever you are concerned.

14.) Have your own system of rewards at home for good work and behavior.

15.) Limit leisure time spent in front of screens.

16.) When he starts to be given homework, get into the habit of making sure he does it on the night it is set...preferably as soon as he gets home and definitely without the TV on!

17.) Show interest in his day at school.

