FOUNDRY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parenting Pointers

Transition - New Beginnings

> *Welcome back! Whatever your summer has been like, September is a great time for a fresh start. Here are some thoughts for a great beginning to the year.*

Stay positive

Our attitudes and behaviour have a big impact on our children. Speaking positively about returning to school and holding high expectations helps set children up to succeed. Ask what they have enjoyed most, what they like about their new teacher, and what they are looking forward to this term.

Home matters too

What happens at home has a big impact on how children learn at school. It is worth taking stock: is everyone getting enough sleep? Are mealtimes healthy? Are morning routines working? Are there firm boundaries around technology? Is there time to listen to reading and help with homework? Is there time for fun together as a family?

You are not alone

Sometimes, despite our best efforts, things still go wrong. If there are things making life difficult, please do not feel you are facing it alone. Our school motto is “Working Together,” and when parents, children, and staff work as a team, everyone benefits. There is an African proverb: “it takes a village to raise a child.” Foundry Lane is that village, and we care about your whole family, not just your child's learning.

If you are worried about anything, please get in touch, the school's pastoral team is here to help, chat things through, and signpost to further support where needed.