



FAMILY PATHWAY

PARENT CONCERN

I'm worried about my child as they are doing poorly in school.

What should I do and when should I do it?



SUGGESTED ACTIONS: BE A RECORD KEEPER

When your child begins to struggle in school, be it classwork, homework, friendship groups and/or claims that they **hate** school, our advice is that you start keeping a folder with a log of evidence.

WHAT THE FOLDER NEEDS TO INCLUDE:

Copies of tests taken in different subjects in school;

School reports;

Examples of homework pieces - whatever state they are in;

Doctor's notes;

Email and letter correspondence from school;

Any other professional correspondence and /or diagnosis.

In addition, we advise you that you keep a log of observation you make, day by day and week by week. It is a good idea to also have a notebook that you use for all matters of education and health that directly relate to your child.

Any meeting that you attend at school, with the doctor's and any other professional, always make sure that you keep a record of discussions and actions with dates.

Keeping a log of all your meetings, helps you to think about questions to ask professionals - keep all your questions in your notebook to help you remember.

Your folder system helps you to keep track of your child's progress and helps you to understand where things are going well and what obstacles your child is facing.

It is imperative to keep a record of your child's challenges, with specific examples.



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