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Home Schooling

Whether you are a parent working from home, or a parent without work, home schooling has certainly presented challenges for all. I am a Primary School teacher and my children are 12 and 9. "Well it must be easy for you then!" I hear you say, but you could not be further from the truth. Yes, I do know how to follow learning objectives and make the work accessible but that is no use if your child sees you as their parent and not their teacher! They do not want to put in the same level of effort, if any, as they do for their beloved teacher. They do not offer you the same manners and respect as they do for their beloved teacher, and so the battle ensues.

Our first week of home schooling went really well. My children were focused and keen to do everything, even after school club! However, when the following weeks schoolwork was available their enthusiasm had curbed and this is when I first heard the phrase "I don't want to come into mum's school anymore." So, you can imagine how crushed they were when I explained that they would have to come to my school for a lot longer.

However, it is heartening to know that I am not on my own. My friend's son even resorted to forging a letter from school, together with the logo, explaining how the teachers were not setting any more work due to a problem with staffing! She almost fell for it until she questioned why it had not come through on her parent communications.



Many Facebook pages have been created as a platform for people to share their amazing ideas but they also serve as a reminder of all the things you have not done. As yet, I haven't baked with my children, I haven't created works of art or made a lockdown time capsule. However, what I have done is to keep my children safe, happy (well most of the time!) and worry free during these very unsettling times.



Don't be too hard on yourself. If something isn't working then stop, if the sun is shining then enjoy it and if an opportunity to have fun presents itself grab it.

Here are a few of the more humorous home-schooling anecdotes that I have come across, enjoy.

- Day one of home schooling, ten minutes in – both children sent to their rooms for squabbling.
- If you asked me what the hardest part of battling a global pandemic would be I never would have guessed, “teaching infant school maths.”
- I told the kids we were starting home school at 9am and now they are hiding from me in their rooms with the doors locked. So is this winning? It feels like winning.
- House rule: Do you go to the fridge at school? Umm no! So use your school stomach.
- Feeling guilty about your kids watching too much television? Just mute it and put on the subtitles. Boom! Now they're reading.

Not home schooling but still made me giggle!

- I am so proud of my daughter. She has learned how to wash up, Hoover and polish. She is only 25.

Remember, you are not alone, keep smiling!

Every Child
is Gifted



THEY JUST UNWRAP
their packages
at different times

