



SORT Your Revision Strategy: Guide for Parents

Revision involves 4 stages:

Summarise	Organise	Recall	Test Yourself
Summarise your class notes using flash cards, mind maps, visual organisers, intelligent graffiti, revision clocks, Cornell sheets, mnemonics etc, to condense and transform them.	Organise your revision materials by topic/sub topic . Traffic Light your PLC sheets to identify areas of weakness or gaps (Red/Amber).	Use active recall and spaced repetition to memorise your revision materials until you can recall information e.g. look, cover, write, check or self-testing. Focussing on areas of weakness.	Use low stakes online tests/quizzes and answer high stakes past paper/sample questions to check and apply knowledge & understanding.
40% Ongoing (e.g. weekly), before unit tests and at least 8-12 weeks before PPEs/Exams	10% Half termly/before unit test and at least 8-12 weeks before PPEs/Exams	30%	20%

Revision should be done in manageable 'Chunks' and should be spaced out and repeated.

What can I do to support my child at each stage?

Summarise	Organise	Recall	Test Yourself
Provide materials to help summarise information and store revision notes. Pens/Pencils/Highlighters Blank flash cards A4/A3 paper Box files/folders Make sure they are not spending all their time on this part!	Help your son/daughter create a revision timetable and put this somewhere prominent. Ensure they build in regular breaks and offer rewards as incentives along the way.	Help them with 'self testing' or ask them to explain something they have revised to you. Allow them to put revision notes around the house. Mini-whiteboards and whiteboard pens can be useful tools for students to test themselves without wasting paper.	Encourage them to answer past questions and mark them themselves. Ask them to explain to you what is required for top marks. Ensure they are not simply trying multiple choice questions e.g. low tariff online tests!

What else can I do to support my child's revision?

Dedicated study space

Remove distractions

Make sure revision is spaced with breaks

Healthy food and drink

Plenty of sleep