

# The 48-Hour Parent Response Plan

What to do in the two days after your child's report card arrives.

*The first 48 hours after a report arrives shape whether the term ahead improves or repeats the same pattern.*

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**HOURL 1** . First read

## Read Twice

Read the comments twice before saying anything to your child. The first read is emotional. The second is where the pattern shows.

**DO NOT** . Do not react to the grade on read one.

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**HOURL 2** . Conversation

## Ask Specifics

Do not lead with the grade. Ask about a specific comment. Try: "Your maths teacher wrote that you would benefit from checking your working. What do you think she meant?" A specific question gets a real answer.

**DO NOT** . "Why did you get a B?" almost never does.

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**SAME DAY** . Comparison

## Track Trajectory

Pull last term's report for the same subject. Compare comments side by side. One report shows where the student is. Two consecutive reports show where they are moving.

**DO NOT** . The direction matters more than the grade.

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**DAY 2** . Action plan

## Calm Decisions

Wait until day two before deciding whether extra support is needed. Reports read differently after a night's sleep. Panic-booking a tutor the same evening rarely leads to the right match.

**DO NOT** . Book with a specific question, not general worry.