

# Parent Information for Maths-Whizz



Dear Parent/Caregiver

iLearn Education is partnering with your school to provide Maths-Whizz, an incredibly powerful online personalised maths programme for your child. The links referred to in this letter can be found in the Parents' Guide at - <https://ilearn.co.nz/school-parent-information/>



## Initial Assessments sets individual, adaptive programmes

At the beginning of every year students sit their assessments to establish their level across all topics. If student's programmes are not at the right level (usually this is because they have had help and it may be too hard), then speak with your child's teacher about whether the child should resit their assessment under test conditions at school.

## Encourage the child to get 4 Blue and 4 Red Gems a Week – Hall of Fame!

Celebrate them getting into the Hall of Fame (3 blue and 3 red learning progressions) but encourage them to get 4 blue and 4 red gems each week to accelerate their learning. Blue gem is for new learning so more challenging, get this first!

## Effective, not Excessive usage

Usage of new learning (blue gem) is capped at 120 minutes as excessive usage can be detrimental to the child. We recommend 60 mins a week earning at least 4 blue and 4 red progressions. Consolidation (red gem) is not capped.

[Guide to Learning Progressions Information Sheet](#)



## How do I help?

Encourage them to get their 4 blue gems (new learning – most important) and their 4 red gems every week. Students receive lessons at their level, teaching them strategies and testing their understanding – it is important that parents do not help them at all in this area.

- [Sign up to receive weekly parent emails](#) and encourage the child to make 4 blue and 4 red every week. Celebrate with them when the emails come through acknowledging their progress!
- Please do not help the child on their account on their device as it will just get harder for the child.
- [Sign up to the parent reports](#) where you can drill down and work on the activity the child is struggling with (but not on their device) and then leave them to work on their account independently. The Skip button is only if you are reporting a technical issue. Skipping only makes the programme get harder – please do not do this.
- Talk to your child's teacher if there is something your child is stuck on and encourage them to do their red gems until the teacher can work with the child on the exercise they are struggling with.
- Celebrate their progress!

## Student Status

If students gain their blue gem they may go up in their Maths-Whizz Status. If they have 2 blue gems out of 8 weeks, they are an Apprentice, 4 out of 8, a Pro, 6 out of 8, a Master and if they get their blue gem for 8 weeks in a row they become a Maths-Whizz Superstar. If they can continue this in the holidays, they keep their Superstar Status. If they miss a week, they go back to a Master but can earn their way back to Superstar Status.

