



# Primary Parent Guide for Ladders At Home



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## Ladders at Home - Introduction

Ladders at Home links directly with the Learning Ladders site your child's school uses, and the objectives (Learning Goals) your child is assessed against. This provides you with up to date information on your child's progress without having to wait for parent consultations.

You will be able to see any Learning Goals and evidence for subjects that have been shared by the school, and you will be able to receive and complete homework set by your school (optional for schools).

## Getting Started

We recommend you use [Google Chrome](#) for the best user experience. If you use Internet Explorer and are experiencing difficulties in using Learning Ladders, please switch to Chrome. If technical difficulties continue after the switch, please contact your child's school for further support.

## Email invite (from your child's school)

If the school uses Ladders at Home, you will be automatically allocated to your child within the school's Learning Ladders system.

Once your school has updated their Learning Ladders with all the parent details required (name, email address and allocate your child to you), you will receive an email invitation to confirm your account. Once this is completed, you will be able to use Ladders at Home.

Please note: In order for both parents to have their own separate log in to their child's Ladders at Home account, the school will need separate email addresses for each.

The email invite will contain two links, a button and a web link such as this;  
<https://laddersathome.co.uk/confirm-account>

If the button does not work, please copy and paste the link included below the button into a new Google Chrome tab. If you do not click on the registration link within the Welcome Email then you will not be able to log in to your child's account. If you have not received your invite from school then please check your spam/junk folder and if not found, contact the school directly to request an invitation.

## How to Log In

Go to [www.laddersathome.co.uk](http://www.laddersathome.co.uk) and enter your username (usually your email address) and the password you have created for yourself.





## Welcome to Ladders At Home

Congratulations Maria,

You have received this email because a free account has been set up for you by Learning Ladders Primary School.

Ladders at Home is a system that allows your child's school to share regular updates about your child's learning, homework and projects. To set up your account you need to set a password.

[Let's Get Started](#)

### How to edit your profile

Ladders at Home holds key profile information about you, such as your name and email address, which you can edit or amend at any time. To do so, click on 'You' in the top right corner, then on the profile page, you can change any of the details listed, including your password.

 You

## Your Profile

This is your profile, Sam. [Logout](#)

### Basic Information

Your First Name \*

Your Last Name \*

Your Email Address \*

Update Basic Information

## Change Your Password

Current Password \*

New Password \*

Repeat it \*

Update My Password

## What you can see

Your dashboard will look similar to this example:

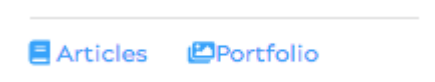
The screenshot shows a dashboard for a student named Aisling Cotton, Year 7, Class 6RW. The dashboard is divided into several sections. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'My Children', 'Articles', a logo, 'Translate', and 'You'. Below the navigation bar, there is a summary section for Aisling Cotton, showing '257 Learning Goals started', '0 Homework to do', and '0 Portfolio Items upload'. Below this is a 'Latest Learning Goals' section with a checkbox for 'Show 'In Progress' only' and three goal tiles: 'Reading Comprehend/Retrieve Year 6', 'Reading Respond Year 6', and 'Reading Reading Detective Targets Year 6'. A left-hand menu includes 'Summary', 'Goals', 'Homework', 'Portfolio', and 'Pupil Reports'. The URL at the bottom left is 'https://laddersathome.co.uk/you'.

The default dashboard view is the summary section, where you can see new and updated Learning Goals, and if your child has any new homework or portfolio items.

If you scroll down, you can see the Latest Learning Goals which have been started or completed. Schools choose the frequency in which they publish assessments, this can be as they are added or at intervals, for instance termly.

The menu on the left-hand side can be used to navigate to each section. You can also click on each section/tile on the 'Summary' page which will take you to each section.

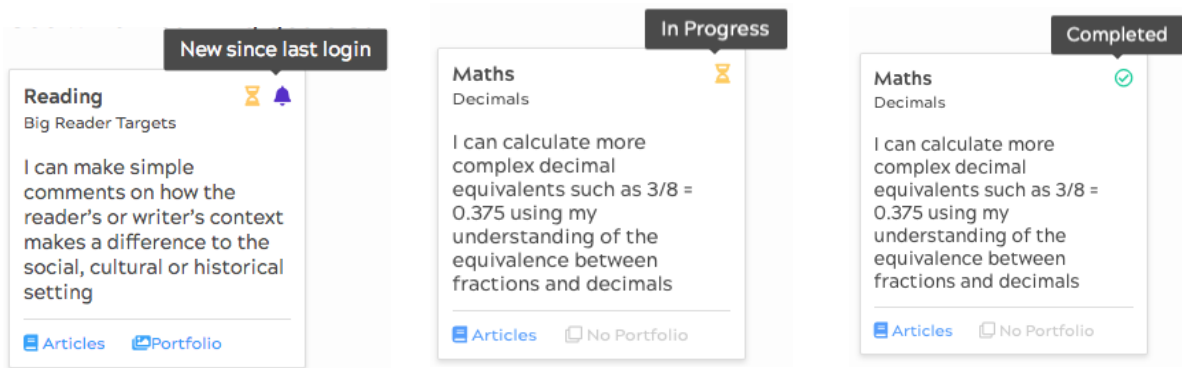
To access Articles and/or your Portfolio linked to specific Learning Goals, click on either button at the bottom of the Learning Goal 'tile'.



## Using Learning Goals

Learning Goals are the objectives that each teacher assesses your child on. If these have been shared with you, you will be able to see which objectives have recently been started, finished or are new since your last login. If Learning Goals have been updated since your last login, a purple bell icon will appear.

If the Learning Goal is in progress, a sand timer icon will appear in the top right corner. If completed, this will be a green tick.



Once Learning Goals have been shared with you, you will be able to view them grouped by subject within the 'Goals' section on the left hand menu. Within 'Goals' click on the drop-down menu to change the subject.



You have the option to tick the check box to view assessments made in prior years as well as your child's current academic year.

## Using Homework

If your child's school has switched on parental access to Homework, any assignments that have been set by teachers can be accessed through the Homework landing page. Here you can see Homework that is due and that has been completed. Homework will take 2 hours to appear in your Ladders at Home after you have received a notification email.

Once completed, the Homework tile will turn to a grey box, but you are still able to view the completed Homework by clicking on the eye icon

There are three types of homework teachers can set your child; multiple choice (an option for self-marking), yes/no or free text. Teachers are able to set your child self-marking multiple choice questions for their homework. Your child's score is displayed within the homework box as a score and percentage. Within 'View Homework' you can view the questions your child answered correctly or incorrectly.

# Supporting your child with completing their Homework

Children do not have their own login for Ladders at Home, they will enter via your login and the number of homeworks allocated will be shown as 'Homework to do'.

The screenshot shows the Ladders at Home interface for a user named Liana Ashton, who is in Year 4, Class 4AH. The interface includes a navigation menu on the left with options: Summary, Goals, Homework, Portfolio, and Pupil Reports. The main content area displays three key statistics: 243 Learning Goals started, 1 Homework to do, and 0 Portfolio Items upload. Below this, there is a section for 'Latest Learning Goals' with a checkbox for 'Show 'In Progress' only'. Three goal cards are shown: 'Maths Fractions Decimals and Percentages Year 4', 'Writing Structure Year 4', and another 'Writing Structure Year 4' card. The top navigation bar includes 'My Children', 'Articles', a logo, 'Translate', 'You', and a refresh icon.

Category	Count
Learning Goals started	243
Homework to do	1
Portfolio Items upload	0

**Latest Learning Goals**  
See which learning goals Liana has recently started.

Show 'In Progress' only

Subject	Topic	Year
Maths	Fractions Decimals and Percentages	Year 4
Writing	Structure	Year 4
Writing	Structure	Year 4

They click 'view homework' and begin to enter their answers. When they have finished, they should click on the blue 'Submit' button at the top of the page.

**Properties of 3D Shapes**

Maths

Assigned to Liana on 22 June 2020

Due on 29 June 2020

Aim for: Not relevant

**Homework Summary**

Select the correct shape from the description of its properties.

**Helpful Links**

**1 Which shape has 6 square faces, 8 vertices and 12 edges?**

Sphere

Pyramid

Cube

**2 Which shape has 1 flat face, 0 vertices and 0 edges.**

Cuboid

Sphere

Pyramid

Before the submission is sent your child is able to self-assess their understanding by selecting a face which best represents their feeling toward the task. Once they have clicked on a face they have the option to type a comment to their teacher. Once completed they should click on 'Submit'.

**Properties of 3D Shapes**

How did you find it?

Super Easy

**It was ok**

I struggled

Tell us why it was only ok

Help us understand what may have been too difficult or unclear

**Remember, once submitted you can't change your answers.**

Submit

Once submitted, your child will be brought back to the Homework page. For self-marking homework your child will be able to see their score and percentage below. Clicking on view shows the child and parent which questions were correct or incorrect. Down the left side of

the page are any helpful links the teacher has added to help your child. Self-marking homework scores can also be viewed on the homework tile within the 'Homework' section as a score and percentage.

The screenshot shows a homework submission interface. At the top left is the 'Ladders at Home' logo. In the top right corner, there are 'Translate' and 'Exit' buttons. The main content is divided into two columns. The left column contains a sidebar with the following information: 'Maths', 'Assigned to Liana on 22 June 2020', 'Due on 29 June 2020', and 'Aim for: Not relevant'. Below this is a 'Homework Summary' section with the instruction 'Select the correct shape from the description of it's properties.' and a 'Helpful Links' section with the message 'No helpful links have been added for this homework'. At the bottom of the sidebar is a 'Result' section showing '1 out of 2 questions correct (50%)'. The right column features a yellow banner at the top stating 'You have submitted this homework. Answers are read only!'. Below the banner are two questions. Question 1 asks 'Which shape has 6 square faces, 8 vertices and 12 edges?' and has three options: 'Sphere', 'Pyramid', and 'Cube' (which is selected with a blue circle and a checkmark). Question 2 asks 'Which shape has 1 flat face, 0 vertices and 0 edges?' and has three options: 'Cuboid' (selected with a blue circle and a red 'x'), 'Sphere', and 'Pyramid'.

## Using Portfolio

If your child's school has switched on parental access to the Portfolio, you will find a collection of all work evidence shared for a child. This can be pictures of your child's work, written documents, or photos, and all evidence will appear within the portfolio section.

You are able to download the image onto your computer or device by clicking 'Download'. This will then open a separate tab and you will need to 'right click' or hold your finger on the image and select 'Save Image As', this will allow the image to be downloaded onto your computer or device.

## Using Articles

We have articles for subjects, including, Reading, Writing, Maths, school life and more which have been written by expert teachers. To access these articles and resources, click on 'Articles' in the top left corner and select your subject/topic.

Alternatively, click on the 'Article' button linked to each Learning Goal.



## Pupil Reports

Schools can choose to send Pupil Reports using Ladders at Home. If your child's school has chosen to send these reports through the parent portal then this can be accessed by clicking on 'Pupil Reports' on the left hand menu. The report will have a title, date and you will be able to click the eye icon to view.

Each school decides the intervals at which they send reports to parents and this will be shared with you. If a report is sent to you, you have the option to write a comment in response to the report to send back to the school. The report can be downloaded as a PDF by clicking, 'download' and this can then be printed for your records. Once a parent comment has been submitted, the comment cannot be edited/amended so always check your comment before clicking submit.

## Translate

For parents whose first language is not English, the parent portal is fully translatable into over 100 languages. Click on the 'Translate' button in the top right corner, this will open a toolbar at the top of the screen. Click on the button with circular flags on it:



From here you can select your chosen language from the drop-down menu. The page will automatically update to your new preferences.

Please see some of the additional features listed below.

	<p>You can play a reading of each section out loud. Simply click on the play button.</p>
	<p>You are able to make text bigger or smaller using the '+' or '-' buttons to improve accessibility.</p>
	<p>Click on the color wheel icon to change the colour of the text or background.</p>
	<p>These icons enable you to select a ruler and blackout screen with a see-through section, allowing you to show specific sections of the parent portal.</p>
	<p>Click on the dictionary icon to bring up a recite dictionary. Then, click on each word to recite it out loud.</p>
	<p>These icons change the parent portal into text-only documents. Select the red icon to change the layout of the text.</p>
	<p>You can download an MP3 file of the recite audio by clicking on the MP3 button and highlighting specific words, this will download straight to your computer.</p>
	<p>Click on the magnifying glass to magnify any aspects of the parent portal that the glass is over.</p>
	<p>You can change any settings by clicking on this icon.</p>
	<p>You can reset all your changes by clicking on the reset button.</p>
	<p>If you need any further information on how to use the Recite Taskbar, please click the final icon which will redirect you to the help guide.</p>

## Assistance

In the first instance please contact your school for any assistance. If the issue persists they can raise a support ticket with Learning Ladders.

For any queries about Learning Goals, Homework or Portfolio please contact your school.