



Parent Information on Maths-Whizz New Student Interface

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Your child has their own individually set, automated Maths-Whizz programme targeting their learning needs.

New Student Interface – Released this Week!

We are excited to inform you that Maths-Whizz (which has previously operated in Flash) is being released this week out of Flash which will improve the user experience for the students on PC's and iPads. If you previously installed Puffin Academy or a Maths-Whizz App on an iPad – please delete these. Your child can now access their account through Safari or Google Chrome or most other internet browsers by going through www.whizz.com. If there are any issues you can revert to the old experience by clicking on the yellow bar at the bottom of the screen.



Learning Progressions – target is 4 learning progressions a week

Every Monday morning their Usage and Progression counters will be set at 0. Please check they have made their 4 learning progressions before they go elsewhere in the programme.



When a student logs in they will see their individual pathway and their next exercise or test in their Personalised Tutoring programme.

Exercises – introduces a new concept in a fun animated environment where they automatically get help and can go back and re-watch the teaching (70% pass)

Tests – no animations or help, which takes their new learning and helps them apply it in an environment similar to their school based assessments (60% pass).



Encourage students to persevere if they get one or two answers wrong, and not to logout to try to get 100% as it wastes their learning time. If they pass an exercise but then don't pass the test, they will not get their learning progression and they will have to repeat the exercise again later, so encourage them to try their best in exercises and tests. They get a piece of a **Gem** for every learning progression. 3 learning progressions gives them a **Gem**.

Please Don't Help Students with Passing the Exercises and Tests in their Tutor

Every time a student makes a learning progression (passes an exercise and a test) it increases their level in that topic. If they are getting help to pass the activities, their programme will continue to get set at higher levels, making it too hard for them. If the child is struggling, please refrain from helping and ask them to talk to their teacher.

Usage Cap in Tutor – 90 minutes of New Learning each week

Tutor (90 min cap)– new learning at their level earning learning progressions

Topic Challenge Area (unlimited time) - consolidate their new learning by doing exercises and trying go from a 'no medal' to a Gold Medal and challenging students who are working on the same exercises as themselves. Maths-Whizz will not allow students to work at a level easier than what they have mastered in their tutor. We encourage students to maximise their return on investment of their learning time.



Please check your students are making their 4 learning progressions every week. We look forward to working with you and your child's school to engage students, build their confidence and accelerate their learning.

If students earn their Gem for 8 weeks in a row they will move from a Rookie through to a Whizz Superstar.