

## 18 Handy Tips for Family Education

### Tip 2: When kids make mistakes time and again? (Dialogue Script)

Docudrama 1: DON'Ts	
Mother:	Siu-yee, where's your handbook?
Siu-yee:	I left it home!
Mother:	What's wrong with you? I've told you time and again. Pack your schoolbag every day after finishing your homework. Put things you need in, take those you don't out. You're so forgetful! Never keep this in mind. You're good for nothing! I'll tell you for the last time, if you still forget, I'll throw you away! So naughty, so annoying! Come on!
Expert Advice	
Prof. Wong Po-choi:	When kids make mistakes again and again, naturally parents will be unhappy and think that they're being naughty. Actually, adults also make mistakes time and again, not to speak of kids. Parents shouldn't overreact. It's quite normal for kids to repeat their mistakes. What we should do is to teach them to correct their mistakes. When there are problems, we have to steer our kids to think and see how we can take the opportunity to enhance their thinking ability.
Docudrama 2: DOs	
Mother:	Siu-yee, where's your handbook?
Siu-yee:	I left it at home.
Mother:	Oh, you've forgotten to bring it along! Siu-yee, do you know why you've forgotten to bring the handbook?
Siu-yee:	I don't know. Maybe after finishing my homework last night, I left it on the desk, forgetting to put it into the schoolbag.
Mother:	What can you do to help yourself remember to put it into the schoolbag?
Siu-yee:	I don't know. Could you remind me next time, Mum?
Mother:	I'm afraid I may forget too. Let's write down all the things you've got to bring on a piece of paper to remind ourselves. Would this help?
Siu-yee:	Great! And stick the piece of paper to the back of the door too.

We could hardly forget then.

Mother: Brilliant! You know how to solve problems. But we don't have the handbook now, what should we do?

Siu-yee: Go home and get it, of course.

Mother: Right. Let's go.