# **Primary School Sleep Workshop**

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#### **Interesting Sleep Facts**

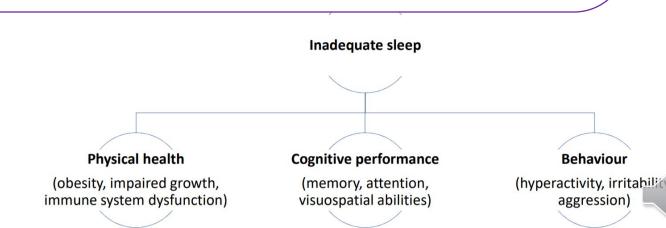
- Humans are the only mammals that willingly delays sleep.
- We naturally feel tired at two different times of the day: about 2:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
- 12% of people dream entirely in black and white
- The sensation of falling when you are half asleep is called hypnic jerks
- Humans spend 1/3 of their life sleeping
- Ideally, falling asleep at night should take you 10-15 minutes
- 1 in 3 people are sleep deprived



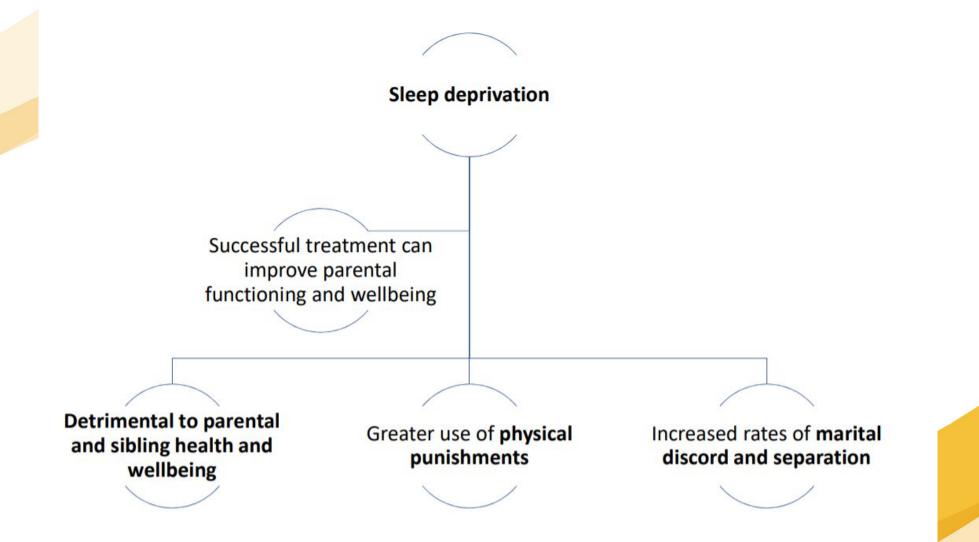


#### Introduction- Why is sleep so important?

- Our body needs it- to process, restore and strengthen.
- To consolidate memories
- To restore and rejuvenate, to grow muscle, repair tissue, and synthesize hormones.
- Reduces your chance of developing chronic diseases
- Makes you more alert, focused and able to learn
- Reduces the risks of suffering with poor mental health



#### Introduction- How can it affect a family?







#### How much should our children sleep?

**Newborns (0-3 months)**: Sleep range narrowed to 14-17 hours each day

**Infants (4-11 months):** Sleep range widened two hours to 12-15 hours

**Toddlers (1-2 years):** Sleep range widened by one hour to 11-14 hours

**Teenagers (14-17):** Sleep range widened by one hour to 8-10 hours

**Younger adults (18-25):** Sleep range is 7-9 hours

**Preschoolers (3-5):** Sleep range widened by one hour to 10-13 hours

School age children (6-13): Sleep range widened by one hour to 9-11 hours

**Adults (26-64):** Sleep range did not change and remains 7-9 hours

Older adults (65+): Sleep range is 7-8 hours

#### **Healthy Sleeping Habits**

- Stick to a sleep schedule, even on weekends.
- Practice a relaxing bedtime ritual.
- Exercise daily.
- Create a good sleep environment- ensure ideal temperature, sound and light.
- Sleep on a comfortable mattress and pillows.
- Beware of hidden sleep stealers, like sugar and caffeine.
- Turn off electronics 90 minutes before bed.
- Worry time in the day



## **Try a Sleep Diary**

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Sleep Diary (editable)



#### **Helpful Resources**

- Books- Matthew Walker- Why We Sleep, Richard Ferber- Solve your child's Sleep Problems
- Apps- calm, headspace, sleepio, pzizz
- Speak to a GP if you are still having issues with your child's sleep after making these changes.

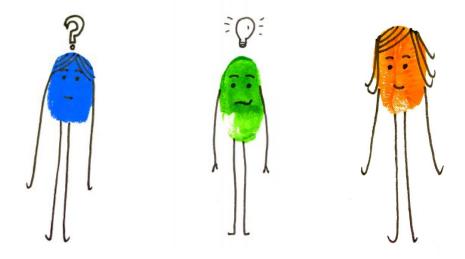








#### Questions - Ideas - Feedback



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