



Orchard Fields Community School Parent Partnership Policy

Introduction

At Orchard Fields Community school we recognise the importance of and value Parental involvement in the life of the school. Throughout this policy the term parent is used to refer to parent, guardians and carers. We believe that education is a partnership between amongst others, parents, staff and children. As a school we are therefore committed to ensuring that there is effective communication with parents concerning all aspects of their child's school life.

Aims

- To develop good communication with parents and to fully inform them about what is happening in school
- To actively involve parents in the education and progress of their child
- To involve parents fully in school life and community
- To operate an 'open door' policy which encourages the fullest possible two-way communication between key staff and parents
- To provide an environment which is inclusive for all parents and young people regardless of need, background and culture

Parents are regularly welcomed into school to learn more about their children's progress and celebrate their success. There are opportunities throughout the year for both formal and informal communication. Individual meetings with parents are set up at a mutual convenient time and every care is taken to arrange more formal meetings at times which enable all parents to attend.

To develop good communication with parents and to fully inform them about what is happening in school we will:

- Make letters, school prospectus and key policies "user friendly", useful and informative.
- Send regular whole school newsletters containing information such as dates and events.
- Have an open door policy for parents to visit the school
- Hold a parents evening in the Autumn and Spring terms
- Hold an open afternoon in the Summer Term for parents and pupils to discuss their child's end of year report and meet their new class teacher for the following year.
- Display key information on the school website and around school

To actively involve parents in the education and progress of their child we will:

- Offer two parents evening for each year group each year
- Hold an annual open afternoon at the end of the year

- Send annual reports at the end of each year
- Hold three Inspire Workshops a year for parents to join their children in class to see how they can support their learning at home

To make good use of parents' expertise and willingness to enhance their own learning and that of their child and to actively involve them in school life we will encourage parents to:

- Volunteer to support within classrooms
- Attend school trips
- Attend class and celebration assemblies
- Attend school performances, events and celebrations
- Become involved in school projects
- Participate in Family and Adult Learning events organised by school
- Join or support the school fundraising group
- Use opportunities to have informal discussions with staff members

To establish the views and opinions of parents of the school and act upon these we will:

- Hold an annual parental questionnaire and inform parents of the results
- Seek parent views at parent's evening using post-its
- Ask parents to evaluate key events in school
- Seek parental consultation on key issues in school
- Establish a Parent Partnership Group

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