



PARENT PARTNERSHIP POLICY

At Sandhill Primary School we recognize the importance of, and value parental involvement in, the life of the school. Throughout this policy the term parent is used to refer to parents, guardians and carers. We believe that education is a collaborative enterprise involving, amongst others, parents, staff and children. As a school we are therefore committed to establishing and maintaining an effective and purposeful working relationship between school and home.

“Parental involvement in a child's education can be a more powerful force in learning than family background, and parents' education level and contributes to no less than 10% of variation in achievement”. (DfES 1999)

It is known that :

- Parents/carers are the most important influence in a child's life. Any educational initiative can only be fully effective if there is partnership between parents, children and providers
- Parents want their child to succeed
- Children need educational and emotional support if they are to succeed. Parents need to provide this effectively
- Many parents have missed the opportunity of furthering their own education and training
- The school is a resource for the community it serves

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- 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 make good use of parents' expertise and willingness to enhance their own learning and that of their child and other children, and to actively involve them in school life
- To establish the views and opinions of parents of the school and act upon these

To develop good communication and fully inform parents 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
- Send termly year group curriculum leaflets so parents know what their children will be learning
- Hold a parents' evening in the Autumn Term and a pupil/parent/teacher consultation meeting in the Spring Term
- Hold 'Open Afternoons' in the Summer Term
- Display key information on the school website and around school

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

- Offer two parents' evenings for each year group each year
- Hold an 'Open Afternoon' or 'Stay and Play' session parents can attend
- Send annual reports at the end of each year

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

- Volunteer to support within classrooms and/or become parent governors
- Attend class assemblies
- Attend school performances, events and celebrations
- Become involved in school projects
- Participate in family and adult learning events organized by the school
- Come to our weekly coffee morning
- Join or support 'Friends of Sandhill'
- Use opportunities to have informal discussions with staff members

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

- Hold an annual parental questionnaire and inform parents of the results
- Ask parents to evaluate key events in school
- Seek parental consultation on key issues in school
- Establish a parent partnership group

This policy was discussed with our Parents Forum Group on

