

Parent Partnership Policy

At The Hart 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 parents, guardians, and carers.

We believe that education is about collaboration between parents, staff, and children. As a school we are committed to establishing and maintaining an effective and purposeful working relationship between school and home.

School Aims:

1. All school staff, governors, and parents work in partnership for the benefit of all students.
2. Teachers and support staff enable all students toward achieving their full potential as independent life-long learners.
3. Our broad, balanced and enriched curriculum promotes challenge, enabling all students to make a positive contribution towards their own achievement.
4. We foster strong links with the community and encourage children to be responsible citizens, who are respectful and tolerant.
5. We encourage initiative within a happy, healthy, and safe environment where all achievement is valued and celebrated.

Our Aims:

1. To develop good communication with parents and to fully inform them about what is happening in school.
2. To actively involve parents in the education and progress of their child.
3. To establish the views and opinions of parents of the school and act upon these, sharing our findings and changes within the school community.
4. 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.

Home/School Partnership

We believe that home-school partnership is key to young people's emotional development, progress and growth as part of the community.

We encourage parents to support their children's learning at home in a variety of ways, including:

- Jointly signing the home/school agreement
- Frequently reading with their child at home
- Visiting the school library together
- Encouraging children to complete and promptly return any homework they have been given.

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

- Make letters, emails, texts, school prospectus, and key policies 'user friendly', useful, and informative as well as being available on the school website.
- Send whole school newsletters each term, containing information such as dates and events, and weekly newsletters detailing important weekly updates, request helpers or resources to share successes, and to inform parents of weekly areas of learning.
- Provide termly year group updates, informing you of your child's curriculum on our website.
- Have an open door policy for you to visit the school. An open day will be held when you can visit lessons.
- Hold Parent's Evenings in where you can discuss your child's learning.
- Hold induction meetings for all students transferring to their next phase within school.
- Display key information on the school website and around school.
- To utilise social media to further engage parents, share photos and to contact a wide audience of parents and to share successes.

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

- Offer parents evenings for each year group each year.
- Hold an open evening each year.
- Walk around opportunities at the end of each term.
- Send annual reports at the end of each year.
- Hold a range of events for mums, dads and grandparents.
- Invite parents to help on school trips, events in the school, special assemblies, induction and transition events and celebration events.
- Invite parents to information evenings specific to new changes or relevant curriculum information for their year group
- Provide support and assistance regarding transition between key stages.
- Provide support and guidance through utilising our Special Educational Needs support.

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

- Hold regular parental questionnaires and inform parents of the results.
- Ask parents to evaluate key events in school.
- Seek parental consultation on key events in school.
- Invite parents to join a Parent Forum to give parents a 'voice' in the school.

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 different areas of the school.
- Attend and support on school trips.

- Attend special events and assemblies throughout the school year.
- Attend school performances, charity events and celebrations.
- Become involved in the Parent Forum.
- Participate in Child and Adult learning events organised by the school.
- Use opportunities to have informal discussions with staff members.
- Become parent governors.

The aim of Parent Forum is to:

- Meet, share ideas and feedback to the school;
- Give parents a voice in the school and enable them to contribute to school decision making and further development of the partnership between parents and school.

Communication

- Currently, parents receive regular updates from School, including:
- The Connect newsletter
- Regular information letters
- Text Messaging service
- Emails
- Regularly updated website
- Regularly updated Social Media site
- Home School Agreement
- Annual School Report
- Parent Notice boards updates

New Parents

Parents who are new to The Hart School will be invited to attend all relevant induction events through appropriate means of communication. New parents are welcome to arrange meetings with class teachers and school leadership via the school office at mutually convenient times.

We welcome new parents and are happy to take the time to help them with any further information that they require. The Senior Leadership Team and the School Principal are available to answer any questions which arise.