



Parent Partnership Policy (Whole School including EYFS)

Aims

- To communicate with parents to ensure clarity of purpose and enable the fullest possible understanding in respect of all school activities
- To involve parents in all aspects of the school community
- To operate an 'open door policy' that encourages the fullest possible two-way communication between staff and parents
- To work in close co-operation with parents in order to ensure high standards of care and academic achievement for all of our pupils
- To continually evaluate our strong links with parents

Mission Statement

We have a commitment to providing a secure, happy and caring environment which meets the needs of all the pupils – intellectual, physical, emotional, spiritual, social and cultural.

By working in close partnership with parents we nurture the development of trust, respect, confidence, independence, self-esteem and the desire to learn. We provide quality learning experiences with the expectation that all will have the opportunity to achieve their full potential. Parents are always welcomed into the school, although we have a plethora of formal and informal opportunities throughout the year to meet together and get to know each other. These include open invitations to our Performance and Class Assemblies, Open Days, class meetings, individual parent meetings, Mothers' Day Tea, Fathers' Day Butty and a Brew, walks around the classroom to look at displays, walking to school together (at least once a term), parents, grandparents sharing skills with the school and parent helpers.

The Head Teacher also hosts monthly meetings with representatives from each class, named our 'Parent Forum' group. This is an opportunity to communicate things from school to the parents and for the parents to feedback messages they have collated from the parents in their respective year group. We also invite parents in to meet and collaborate on themed events, for example Black History Month.

We also have a variety of systems which we use to communicate with parents including daily home school diary, weekly newsletter, telephone calls, online calendar (which lists all events for that term), noticeboards, **Avon House School App**, our website, informal chats before and after school, letters **and** impromptu as well as planned meetings **and** ~~notices on class and cloakroom windows.~~

We operate an 'open door' system in that all members of the teaching staff will make themselves available to parents at the beginning and end of each day for informal discussion and day to day communication. We ask parents to be aware that our first and



primary care is for the pupils and to exercise discretion in their requirements at these times. Teaching staff are always happy to make appointments for longer interviews at a mutually agreed time. The Head Teacher's office is quite literally 'open' (unless a private interview is already taking place) and parents are always welcome to call in. There is always at least one member of SLT (if not more) on duty at the front of the school between 8.00 am and 8.30 am and SLT are also available at the end of the school day for informal contact.

We are committed to a high level of parent partnership and are always open to new suggestions on how we can improve our existing partnerships or create new ones.

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