

PARKINSON LANE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Community and Premises

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Relevant school aims

We welcome the involvement in the life and work of the school. Through school/community liaison, we aim to increase the mutual understanding and support that is necessary to provide the best possible education for all our children. We aim to create a welcoming school climate and to work co-operatively with parents and the community to bridge the gaps between school and the home cultures.

Curricular involvement

Parents are welcome to make an appointment to see their child's teacher (or the Headteacher) to share their child's achievements, ask any questions or share concerns.

Parents of nursery children are welcome to talk to staff at the beginning or end of a session and staff visit all new parents before their children start.

Communication

We have parents' consultation evenings twice a year to discuss children's progress and development. (Nursery parents will be invited to a Parents' Evening in the Spring). Teachers are available then for formal timed consultations. Parents are also welcome to make appointments with teachers at any other times of the year to discuss their children's progress at greater length. Parents receive an annual end of year report. We hold an Open Day for new nursery parents and children when they can look around the nursery and participate in a few activities. Parents of new reception children are also invited to meet the class teacher who will explain the school procedures and routines, the settling in period for new children and how parents can support their children by reading with them. A newsletter keeps parents informed of what is going on in school and what topics their children are learning about.

Homework

We encourage parents to support their children's work in school. See Homework policy.

Reading at Home

From time to time meetings are held to inform parents of curriculum matters and to explain our approach to reading.

Book bags can be bought from the school office, so that children can take books home safely on a regular basis.

Involvement in School Life

In our “Better Reading” scheme, teaching assistants read with children for ten weeks on a specific programme. Parents are invited to school events.

Behaviour

Parents are asked to support our Behaviour policy. See Behaviour policy.

Special Educational Needs

Parents are informed and consulted as soon as a teacher becomes aware of any difficulty. Consultation is then ongoing, in accordance with the Code of Practice and the school policy.

School Nurse

The school nurse can be seen by appointment to discuss any queries. Health is monitored through the school medical and dental service.

Home School Agreement

The school operates a “Home School Agreement” (see copy) which parent, child and teacher sign.

Headteacher	Date taken to Staff	Chair of Governors
Date		13/03/2018
Review Date:		