



Parental Engagement Policy

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For the purpose of the document the term 'parent/s' indicates any adult who plays a significant role in a child's life.

Introduction

At Winsor Primary School, we recognise the pivotal role parents play in the education of their children. We encourage all parents to be fully involved in their child's formal education and in the life of the school. We seek to work in partnership with all parents, keeping them fully informed of their child/ren's achievements and the workings of the school, and have introduced effective strategies for active involvement.

Starting School

Parents of new children who are moving into the area or from another local school are invited along with their child to a meeting with the Family Support Worker. As well as having a look around the school, they are provided with a range of relevant information.

All new parents of pupils from YR - Y6 receive a copy of the school prospectus which includes the following information:

- The latest Ofsted report
- School information
- Behaviour policy leaflet
- Photograph consent form
- A copy of the current Newsletter
- Data protection information
- Term dates
- Information on term time leave
- Collection of children from school information

They also receive a copy of the Home / School Agreement which they are asked to sign. The agreement outlines the parents' and the school's responsibilities, which both parties are expected to honour. (See Home/School Agreement)

Nursery parents are given several opportunities to visit and learn about the school.

They:

- Visit the school when they register their child;
- Are invited to attend a meeting before their child starts nursery;
- Are encouraged to stay with their child on their first day of nursery to support them during this transitional phase and to discuss their child's previous experiences with the staff who are available to answer any questions the parent/s may have.

Meetings

At Winsor Primary School, we hold three Parents' Consultations a year in which parents meet their child's Class Teacher to discuss progress and standards achieved. Alternative arrangements can be made for those parents who cannot make the specified date.

Parents not living with their child are given an appointment on request.

Informal meetings are held on a regular basis between parents and teachers to discuss progress or problems.

Parents are invited to all reviews for those pupils with Special Educational Needs. The Inclusion Manager and other professionals also work very closely with the parents of pupils with Special Educational Needs.

Formal meetings with a member of the Senior Leadership Team are held with parents who are concerned about their child's education.

If a parent requests a meeting with the Head Teacher or staff, every effort will be made to arrange the meeting as quickly as possible, sometimes on the same day.

Information meetings are held with parents during the year, including: curriculum presentations, preparation for residential visits, Every Child a Musician, etc.

Workshops

Winsor primary School regularly runs or facilitates workshops for parents, aimed at supporting their child's learning as well as various parenting workshops. These are promoted via our weekly Newsletters.

Communication

At Winsor primary School we have a wide range of communication strategies, including:

- School website - www.winsor.newham.sch.uk
- Social media, including Twitter and Facebook
- Winsor School app
- School Newsletter
- Individual letters to parents when the need arises
- Direct telephone calls (as necessary)
- Text messages
- Termly Parents' Evening meetings
- Annual reports
- Weekly behaviour charts for children with challenging behaviour (as necessary)
- Questionnaires
- Leaflets

- Invitations to join in various activities, e.g. workshops
- Weekly letters to the parents of children winning weekly certificates

Reports

Written reports on the child's progress and attainment in all subjects, as well as their personal development are shared with parents during our second Parents' Evening. Separate copies of the report are sent, on request, to parents who are not living with the child.

Consultation

The school consults parents, when changes to school routine are planned, or to seek their opinion on specific matters. In addition, parents are asked their opinion about the school via a parents' questionnaire either online or via paper copies. Termly Parent Representatives meetings are also held, where parents are invited to share their views and to contribute towards the formation of school policies.

Supporting Educational Visits

Parents support educational visits by accompanying and working with groups.

Social /Fund-raising Events

All Winsor parents are automatically members of the PTA. Winsor Primary School's PTA holds annual Christmas and Summer Fetes. These social events allow parents and staff to meet on an informal basis, enhancing the home-school liaison.

Parent Governors

Winsor Primary School Governing Body has a number of elected Parent Governors who are actively involved in driving forward school improvement. The school believes healthy competition for places is a sign of a thriving school with interested parents.

Review

This policy will be reviewed in May 2020 unless an earlier review is necessary.