



# Family Involvement Strategy

## The Purpose of Family Involvement

Great family involvement ensures all our children grow up benefiting from the collective effort of those at home and at school. Only then can we be sure that they have reached their full potential and that no child is left behind.

## Our Family Involvement Pledge

By putting into place our Family Involvement Strategy, we will ensure all our families:

- Feel they have a close and meaningful relationship with school.
- Are clear about their child's 'learning journey' and know what they are learning in lessons at school.

- Understand what they can do to support their child's learning at home and know how to access any necessary resources.
- Know who to speak to if there is an issue.
- Receive regular feedback about their child's progress through both formally and informally.

- Have an opportunity to explain their perspective on a regular basis and are invited to take part in contributing to the life of the school.
- Understand how the school will communicate with them.
- We will respond to parents within 48 hours.

Exceptional education for every student, every day

## Creating a Culture of Family Involvement

### 1. Building and sustaining relationships.

- Build relationships from day one. Work out who knows each child, families need relationships of relevance.
- Create opportunities to empower parents and students to develop strong relationships with school.

### 2. Listening to families.

- Engage in a two-way dialogue around the child.
- Support the silent minority who are less engaged to ensure their voice is equally heard. Every family counts, no family left behind.

### 3. Communicate in ways that suit our families.

- Communicate effectively using a variety of methods. Parents will get a reply within 48 hours when they contact specific school staff.

- Strengthen the usage of the school website.
- Use a range of communication methods including the curriculum and parent calendar – no one size fits all.

### 4. Empower our families to contribute.

- Set clear expectations about family involvement.
- Equip families to support their child's learning through collective responsibility with school.

- Promote the Parent Forum and continue to involve families within this strategy. Build on good practice, add value without adding extra work.

- Genuine involvement is two-way, make time to listen as well as explain.

### 5. Communicate the wonderful often.

- Be precise and relentlessly positive through our communication channels.
- Celebrate achievements often.

