



9 Family and Community Engagement

Parental Involvement – It benefits everyone!

Benefits for Students:

- It is easier for children to learn when they get encouragement from home.
 - They will do better and achieve more when their parents are involved.
- Students see that parents value education and have high expectations for their success.
- Children get access to more activities in and out of school when there are more adults to help.
- Their concerns can be sorted out more quickly when their parents have a positive relationship with school staff.
- They are happy when their parents are enjoying events in the school.

Benefits for Parents:

- Their children do better when they are involved.
- They are better able to help and encourage their children when they understand the system and have more information about their children's education.
- Parents can build their own confidence and skills as parents and adult learners.
- Where there is a positive relationship between parents and their child's school there are benefits for everyone.
- Parents get reassurance that their children are receiving a good education when they are involved and engaged in the process.



Benefits for the School:

- Parents bring skills and experience which complement teachers' skills and expertise.
- Parents contribute their time and skills, so together parents and teachers are able to do more activities with pupils than teachers can do on their own.
- Pupils' learning, attendance and behaviour improve.
- Parents have ideas about how the school can best support the children and have opportunities to make suggestions.
- Teachers have people with whom they can talk over ideas and get help when developing plans for the school.
- Parents can give advice and help around reaching out and engaging other parents.