



Sunnyside
Primary Academy

Parental Engagement Statement

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At Sunnyside Primary Academy, we believe that strong partnerships between school and home are essential for delivering the best education to every child. This statement outlines how we engage with parents and carers to foster positive relationships and support our pupils' learning and development.

A. Communication

1. School to Parents
 - a. Routines, Expectations, and Policies:
 - Regular updates via our school website and monthly newsletter
 - Transition information sessions for new starters and year group changes
 - b. Pupil Progress and Achievements:
 - Termly parents' evenings
 - Annual written reports
 - Celebration assemblies (parents invited termly)
 - Individual communications for significant achievements or concerns
 - c. School News and Events:
 - Weekly email updates
 - Termly Events Calendar
 - School social media accounts (Twitter @SunnysideAcad, Facebook @SunnysideAcad)
 - Text message service for urgent notifications
2. Parents to School
 - a. General Enquiries:
 - Email: admin@sunnysideprimaryacademy.org
 - Phone: 01604 842958
 - In-person at the school office or school gate at the start or end of the day
 - b. Class-specific Matters:
 - Email class teacher using the admin email address
 - In-person at classroom doors
 - c. Concerns or Complaints:
 - Initial contact with class teacher
 - Escalation to a member of the Senior Leadership Team if necessary
 - Formal complaints procedure available on our website

B. Parental Involvement

1. Volunteer Opportunities:
 - Reading partners
 - School trip chaperones
 - Librarian
2. Friends of Sunnyside:
 - Half Termly Meetings
 - Fundraising events i.e. Movie Nights, Discos
 - Community-building activities i.e. Christmas and Summer Fayres
3. Parent Workshops:
 - Curriculum information sessions
 - E-safety workshops
 - Supporting learning at home workshops

C. Supporting Parents

1. Contributing to Learning:
 - Termly curriculum overviews sent home and available on the website
 - Suggested home learning activities in weekly newsletters

- Access to online learning platforms (e.g., TTRockstars, ReadTheory)

2. Family Support:

- Coffee mornings with our Family Support Worker and Inclusion Lead/SENDCo
- Signposting to local support services

3. English as an Additional Language (EAL) Support:

- Translated communications where possible and required
- Interpreters available for parents' evenings upon request

D. Feedback and Review

1. Parent Voice:

- Twice Annually parent survey
- Parent focus groups each term with the Principal/Leadership Team

2. Review Process:

- This statement is reviewed annually by the Parental Engagement Coordinator and Principal
- Parent Ambassadors are consulted and sign off on any changes
- Updated statement published on our website each September

We value your input and are always looking for ways to improve our parental engagement. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact our Parent Engagement Coordinator at admin@sunnysideprimaryacademy.org.