

Thomas Gray Primary School

Parental Partnership Policy

Parent Partnership Statement

At Thomas Gray Primary School we aim to establish a mutually supportive and respectful relationship with all our parents where trust and respect is at the heart of all we do. We aim to keep parents informed and involved in a positive way, encouraging them to be realistic with regards to expectations in their child's education, working in partnership together in order to help every pupil achieve their full potential.

At Thomas Gray Primary School we recognise that parents and carers are the most important influence in a child's life and that school is most effective when there is partnership between parents, children and school. Both home and school want the best for the children in our care. Parents want them to have the best opportunities so that they can become successful and happy members of the community. School wants to provide pupils with the environment and support they need to achieve all their ambitions.

Effective partnership between home and school is key to these aspirations. Our school aims to listen to and communicate with parents effectively to build the trust and understanding needed for pupils to achieve their best. We need to be a resource for the community it serves.

Aims

- To ensure the school is welcoming, communicative and a friendly place for parents
- To actively involve parents in the education and progress of their child
- To make good use of parents' expertise and willingness to be actively involved in school life
- Promote lifelong learning opportunities and support for parents
- To provide an effective induction for all new parents
- To provide support for all parents as their child leaves school
- To inform parents of school policies and how they can support them at home
- To establish the views and opinions of parents of the school and act upon these

To ensure the school is welcoming, communicative and a friendly place for parents we will:

- Ensure our Reception service is able to respond to the needs of the visitor in a welcoming way
- Ensure the school a safe and vibrant environment
- Provide clear signs around the school to help parents/carers/visitors.
- Send regular whole school newsletters containing information such as dates and events.
- Send messages and reminders by text.
- Hold a 'Meet the teacher' event in September for parents to meet their child's new class teacher.
- Display key information on the school website and around school.
- Pupil's work and photos of family events are displayed.

To actively involve parents in the education and progress of their child we will:

- Hold termly parents evening for all pupils
- Send annual reports to parents at the end of each year
- Jointly sign and annually review the Home/School agreement
- Send information to parents termly about their child's curriculum.
- Provide reading books and other regular homework for parents to support their child at home
- Hold demonstration lessons/workshops to inform parents of new methods used to teach the children

To make good use of parents' expertise and willingness to be actively involve them in school life we will encourage parents to:

- Volunteer to support within classrooms and/or become parent governors.
- Attend school trips
- Attend star and achievement assemblies
- Attend school performances, events and celebrations
- Become involved in school projects
- Participate in Family and Adult Learning events organised by school
- Join or support the school fundraising group
- Use opportunities to have informal discussions with staff members

To promote lifelong learning opportunities and support for parents we will:

Seeks to ensure all groups of parents/carers connected with the school are aware of training and enrichment opportunities available in the school and in the community, by:

- Informing parents about adult learning courses.
- Delivering Family Learning courses
- Providing information and advice workshops, for example 'RWI workshop' 'Healthy Lunchbox workshop' to enable parents to support their children's learning.
- Offering leaflets and guidance on specific areas of the curriculum, eg. reading, to enable parents to support children at home.
- Opportunities for parents studying for external qualification for example NVQs in Teaching Assistant roles.
- Responding wherever possible to parental needs for training opportunities.

To provide an effective induction for all new parents we will:

- Hold an induction meeting for new parents
- Provide a personal tour/meeting if a child starts in the middle of the year
- Offer a home visit
- Provide induction information
- Hold a parent child open afternoon during the first half term

To provide support for all parents as their child leaves school we will:

Aim to provide support and resources to help parents make informed decisions about choices and transitions to other schools, by:

- Providing impartial guidance on transition to parents and pupils.
- Supporting parents with the procedures for applying for secondary schools
- Providing additional support and guidance for parents of children with Special Educational Needs.

To inform parents of school policies and how they can support them at home we will

- Make relevant school policies available to parents on our website and at school
- Involve parents in formulating and evaluating appropriate policies eg anti bullying


To establish the views and opinions of parents of the school and act upon these

- Hold an annual parental questionnaire and inform parents of the results
- Ask parents to evaluate key events in school
- Seek parental consultation on key issues in school.
- Establish a Leading Parent Partnership Group

Signed:



Chair of Governors



Headteacher

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