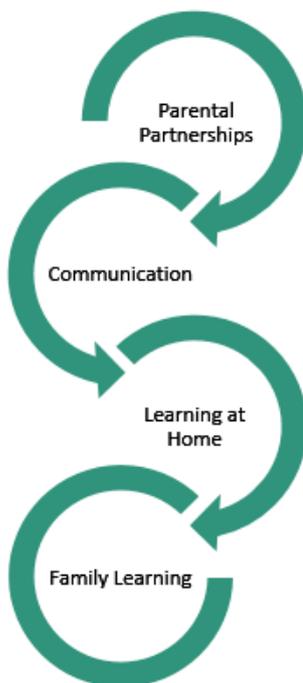


Parental Engagement 2018 – 2021

A summary guide for parents

What is parental engagement?

Parental engagement focuses on ways in which parents, carers and families support and encourage their children's learning in school and in everyday life. Schools and partners can play a vital role in supporting families to do this effectively and with confidence. Schools involve parents and carers by enabling ongoing, two-way communications between home and school; supporting parents and carers to contribute to school improvement and making decisions that affect the school; and using the skills of parents and carers to enrich the curriculum.



What are our aims?

We aim to seek to ensure that parents are:

- fully informed about their children's education and learning
- welcomed and involved in the life of their child's school
- able to support learning at home and to participate fully in family learning activities
- encouraged to express their views and take part in decision making
- involved in forums for discussion and debate on education policy

How can parents get involved?

Help support school events and activities.

Support the work of the school, either as a volunteer or a contributor....everyone has skills and talents to bring to the school or nursery!

Become a member of the Parent Council.

Share your ideas and views by responding to school surveys and questionnaires.

Contact us

Inverclyde Council Education Services
Wallace Place
Greenock
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'Learning at home' is the learning which happens in the home, outdoors or in the community. It can take place through everyday activities that families already do and can involve parents, family members or peers.

Learning at home is not only about curriculum activities or homework tasks. It can also include aspects of play, leisure events, fun activities, sports, trips, cultural and/or volunteering experiences. Indeed activities which provide opportunities for the strengthening of relationships, positive improvements in the child's wellbeing and development of self-confidence ultimately lead to better learning and achievement and so are encouraged.

Family learning encourages family members to learn together. Family learning activities can also be specifically designed to enable parents to learn how to support their children's learning.

Our schools and nurseries offer a wide range of support for family learning, including activities run jointly with our partners in Community Learning and Development, Skills Development Scotland, Inverclyde Library services and Barnardo's.

Contact your child's school for more details of what is happening in your area.



Communicating with Parents

Inverclyde schools and nurseries use a wide variety of methods to ensure that parents are kept up to date with what is happening in their child's learning. Newsletters, emails, Text messaging, Tweets and Facebook postings help ensure that parents know what is happening in school, whilst parents' evenings, meetings, parental workshops and reports feed back important information on the progress your child is making in their learning.

Supporting Parent Partnerships

Parents Councils are established in all of the Inverclyde Primary and Secondary schools. Inverclyde Council supports the operation of these parent groups and seeks to gather their views whenever possible.

Parent Council representatives are involved in the appointment of school senior managers.

Inverclyde Council also has a parent representative on the Education and Communities Committee.

Complaints

Inverclyde Council has a clearly defined process for responding to complaints which can be viewed on the council website.

<https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/council-and-government/complaint>

Want more detail?

A fuller version of our Parental Engagement Strategy 2018 – 2021 is available online at:

<https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/education-and-learning>