Paget Primary School Parent Partnership Policy

At Paget Primary School we recognise the importance of and value parental involvement in the life of the school. Throughout this policy the term parent is used to refer to parents, guardians and carers. We believe that education is a collaborative enterprise involving amongst others, parents, staff and children. As a school we are therefore committed to establishing and maintaining an effective and purposeful working relationship between the school and home.

“It’s what parents do rather than who they are that counts” (Charles Desforge)

“Parental involvement in a child’s education can be a more powerful force in learning then family background and parents’ education level, and contributes to no less than 10% of variation in achievement”. (DfES 1999)

It is known that:-
Parents/carers are the most important influence in a child’s life. Any educational initiative can only be fully effective if there is partnership between parents, children and providers.
Parents want their child to succeed
Children need educational and emotional support if they are to succeed. Parents need to be able to provide this effectively
Many parents have missed the opportunity of furthering their education and training
The school is a resource for the community it serves

Aims
To develop good communication with parents and to fully inform them about what is happening in school
To actively involve parents in the education and progress of their child
To make good use of parents’ expertise and willingness to enhance their own learning and that of their child and other children and to actively involve them in school life
To establish the views and opinions of parents of the school and act upon these where appropriate

To develop good communication and fully inform parents about what is happening in school we will:
Make letters, school prospectus and key policies and practice “user friendly”, useful and informative.
Send regular whole school newsletters (Paget Post) containing information such as dates, events, attendance, how to support values at home and feedback from questionnaires etc.
Regularly inform parents of events and learning taking place at Paget through our Twitter Website
Send a class parent booklet each half term informing parents about the learning to take place and how they can help
Hold a Parents’ Evening in the Autumn and Spring term and a celebration Parents’ Evening in the Summer term.

Fully inform parents about induction and transition procedures

Hold a Parents Welcome Meeting at the beginning of the Autumn Term for parents to meet their child’s new class teacher and find out about the learning that will take place over the coming year.

Display key information on the school website and around school

Hold regular Coffee Morning with varying themes to engage with parents such as meeting other professionals e.g. Communication and Autism Team, enjoying other parents company or raising money for charity.

Support families varying needs through our Family Support Worker

Signpost parents to the charity Place2Be who work within our school to support the emotional needs of children and their families

Support attendance and behaviour through our Pastoral Team

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

Offer two parents evenings for each year group each year and a parent celebration evening at the end of the Summer Term

Send annual reports at the end of each year

Run regular workshops so that parents can support their child at home e.g. Early reading and phonics

Arrange regular ITP reviews and Annual Reviews for children with SEN where parents can discuss the progress their child has made

Hold celebration workshops where parents can look at their child’s work and join in with the learning

Hold Class Assemblies where parents can celebrate learning their child has been involved in that term

Hold annual Christmas productions where parents can watch their child perform

**To make good use of parents’ expertise and willingness to enhance their own learning and that of their child and other children and to 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 class assemblies

Attend school performances, events and celebrations

Become involved in school projects

Participate in Family and Adult Learning events organised by school

Use opportunities to have informal discussions with staff members

**To establish the views and opinions of parents and act upon these we will:**

Regularly consult parents about their views through various ways such as questionnaires, voting boards and coffee mornings and inform parents of the results

Ask parents to evaluate key events in school

Seek parental consultation on key issues in school.

Establish a Parent’s Association