

Weaverthorpe CE (VC) Primary School

Policy for Parental Engagement

Weaverthorpe CE (VC) Primary School has an 'open-door' policy. We recognise the pivotal role parents play in the education of their children. We encourage all parents to be fully involved in their child's formal education and in the life of the school.

We recognise that we must work in partnership with all parents, keeping them fully apprised of their child/ren's achievements and the workings of the school, and have introduced effective strategies for active involvement.

Welcome/Pre-school Induction

We recommend that parents of Primary-age children, who are moving into the area, or from another local school, should:

- visit the school before deciding if Weaverthorpe CE (VC) Primary School is the best environment for their child;
- be shown around the school by Staff who will answer their questions;
- try to resolve any problems at the child's current school (if local), before making the decision to take their child away;
- bring their child with them, when looking round the school;
- ensure they are given a copy of the School Prospectus when visiting the school.

Pre-school parents are given several opportunities to visit and learn about Weaverthorpe CE (VC) Primary School:

- receiving a copy of the School Prospectus;
- visiting the school when they register their child;
- visiting the school during the Induction Mornings;
- being invited to the school before the child starts school.

The parents of new children are given a wide range of information including:

- School Prospectus;
- Home-School Agreement;
- Internet permission slip.

Communication At Weaverthorpe CE (VC) Primary School

We have introduced a wide range of communication strategies, including:

- Newsletters;
- Parent Mail;
- School planner/Reading log book;
- individual letters to parent when the need arises;
- direct telephone calls (as necessary);
- Annual Pupils Record of Achievement;
- Behaviour charts for children with challenging;

- Questionnaires.

Home-School Agreement

All new parents receive a copy of the Home-School Agreement and Internet Permission Agreement which they are asked to sign. The agreements outline the parents' and the school's responsibilities, which both the parties are expected to honour.

Meetings At Weaverthorpe CE (VC) Primary School

We hold three Parents' Evenings a year; one in each term. Parents meet their child's class teacher to discuss progress and standards achieved. The parents are given an appointment time. Parents with obstacles to attending a Teacher/Parent Meeting will be provided with an appointment immediately before or after the school day, and the school will undertake to care for the child/children, while the meeting takes place in confidence; or a telephone conversation is booked.

Formal meetings with the Head Teacher are held with parents who are concerned about their child's education.

Informal meetings are held on a regular basis between parents and teachers to discuss progress or problems.

If a parent requests a meeting with the Head Teacher or staff, every effort will be made to arrange the meeting as quickly as possible.

Reports

Reports on the child's progress and attainment in all subjects, as well as their personal development, are sent to parents in the summer of each year. Parents are invited to an optional meeting to discuss the report. Separate copies of the report are sent, on request, to parents who are not living with the child. Interim reports of pupil progress are provided to parents requesting them.

Volunteer Helpers

Volunteer helpers (parents, governors, friends of the school) provide a wide range of support with children's reading, stories, art, design and general curriculum experiences. Weaverthorpe CE (VC) Primary School values the support provided in the classroom by the helpers who give their valuable time on a voluntary basis. The individual class teachers are responsible for arranging parents' time in the classroom.

Consultation

Weaverthorpe CE (VC) Primary School staff and Governors consult the parents, when changes to school routines are planned, or to discover their opinions on specific matters

Social/Fund-raising Events

Weaverthorpe CE (VC) Primary School has an active PTA, which organises a varied programme of social and fundraising events for the children and adults. These social events allow parents and staff to meet on an informal basis, enhancing the home-school liaison.

Parent Governors

Weaverthorpe CE (VC) Primary School has two Parent Governors. The Parent Governors are Mr N Carnes and Mrs L Bannister.

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