



Sully Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Sili

Parental Involvement Policy

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At Sully School we recognise the importance of ensuring we have a strong partnership with parents 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. It is known that parents are the most important influence in a child's life. Parents need to be able to provide the educational and emotional support that children need if they are to succeed. As a school we are, therefore, committed to establishing and maintaining an effective and purposeful working relationship between the school and home.

Aim

- To promote parental involvement in children's learning and the life of the school.

Objectives

To foster an ethos and atmosphere where all parents feel welcome and valued we will:

- create an atmosphere which is respectful and positive towards parents, children and everyone in school.
- maintain an 'open door' approach for parents to contact and visit the school.
- work with parents in promoting positive behaviour at home and at school.
- seek to provide a range of opportunities throughout the year to invite families into school e.g. class assemblies, topic celebration days, Christmas concerts, induction meetings, curriculum meetings, Year 6 residential trip information and feedback, Saint David's day celebrations, Harvest Festival, summer fete, sports day and PTA events.

To have good communication and mutual dialogue between home and school we will:

- provide as much information as possible in timely, specific, targeted and accessible ways so that parents feel confident and knowledgeable about what is happening in school.
- use a variety of methods of communication:
 - written communication – school prospectus, home-school agreement, curriculum letters, information letters etc. informal and formal meetings, assemblies, school notice boards, email, telephone and the school website/learning platform will also be used as appropriate.

To actively involve parents in their child's learning and progress we will:

- hold parent consultation meetings with teachers of each class twice a year.
- send an annual report home.
- hold an annual open day in Nursery for parents to see how their children learn
- hold annual meetings for new parents on transition at various points, parental workshops where parents can learn about, and are encouraged to discuss, how to support their child.
- encourage parents to recognise the importance of the support they give their child at home.
 - ALNCO will arrange information/discussion evenings for parents with a range of professionals and to encourage support groups

To make good use of parents' expertise and willingness to enhance their own learning and that of their own and other children and to actively involve them in school life we will encourage parents to:

- volunteer to support with reading in class.

- volunteer to assist on school trips and with PS3 swimming and sports matches
- volunteer to become involved in school projects such as International projects.
- come into school and talk about their jobs, interests or experiences and read/tell stories during international week
- attend meetings of Sully School PTA and support the group's fundraising activities.
- become parent governors or join the Parent forum.

To provide good induction and transition for all groups of parents we will :

- provide opportunities for all prospective parents to find out about the school via individual visits and/or annual meetings for Nursery and Reception.
- Organise 'meet the teacher' events where parents can meet their child's new class teacher and ask any questions.
- provide opportunities for parents to discuss transition with their children by Year 6 pupils having many opportunities to visit and experience lessons at Stanwell School (or other secondary school) and all classes visiting their new class in the summer term.

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

- seek parental consultation on key issues and policies in school particularly connected with healthy schools, Parent Forum group and ECO awareness.
- seek parental feedback following after curriculum information meetings.

Through close links with the local authority and the community police officer Sully Primary School seeks to build on and further develop opportunities for parental and family involvement in all aspects of school life by providing information and support on healthy lifestyles and child safety, e-safety, and child care. Information about local community events is shared and children are encouraged to be involved. The school nurse checks all Reception age children and is available for parents to have private discussion about any concerns. One of the school governors works closely with CAMHS to offer guidance and support to any families that need it.

The school recognises the fact that some parents are restrained from participating in the life of the school owing to other commitments. The staff understands that this does not mean they are not interested in their child's education. Therefore, it is necessary to provide opportunities for parental involvement on a variety of levels so that parents can participate at a level to suit their individual needs.