

## Nunthorpe Parent Partnership Policy

At Nunthorpe School we recognise the importance of and value parental involvement in the life and development 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.

We believe 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;
- The school is a resource for the community it serves.

### Aims

Nunthorpe will:

#### **1. Involve parents within all aspects of Nunthorpe School, its operation and development:**

- Parents will be invited to attend the Parent Voice Group (PVG) and Parent Steering Group (PSG) Meetings held every half term.
- Parents will be invited to attend Headteacher's Surgeries, Consultation Evenings and Nunthorpe Parent Forum's.
- Parents will be consulted regularly via the school website, VLE and text.

#### **2. Develop good communication with parents and to fully inform them about what is happening within school:**

- Make letters, school prospectus and key policies 'user friendly' and informative.
- Ensure the school website is updated on a regular basis to ensure parents can access information such as important school dates, events and news.
- Send Interim Reports to parents.
- Hold parents evenings for each year group during the school year.
- Hold Induction Days and Evenings to allow new parents and pupils to meet their new class teacher for the following year.
- Email, text and phone parents on a regular basis to keep them informed on their child's progress.
- Allow parents to sign up to Sims Learning Gateway to ensure they can access information about their child at any point throughout the day and contact relevant staff members.
- Display key information around school on notice boards and on the plasma screens.

**3. Actively involve parents in the education and progress of their child at all stages:**

- Offer one parents evening for each year group each year.
- Hold consultation evenings.
- Send Interim Reports and an Annual Report throughout the year.
- Contact parents regularly via tutors.

**4. 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:**

- Volunteer to support within the school, PVG / PSG Groups and/or become parent governors.
- CRB check any parents who become involved within the school (via the groups above).
- Volunteer to attend and support school trips.
- Access the school website and moodle to support home school learning with homework and school projects.
- Attend school performances, events and celebrations.
- Become involved in school projects e.g. Enterprise Fair - within the specialism.
- Participate within Nunthorpe Learning and Leisure courses.
- Attend Parent Classes and Revision Classes.

**5. Work with parents to establish their views and opinions of the school and act upon these effectively:**

- Invite parents to attend the PVG and PSG meetings.
- Hold regular consultation evenings.
- Consult with parents on key issues of development via the school website.
- Invite parents to comment on any school policies, documents and developments by allowing comments to be made to the school via telephone, email, meetings, open forums and school website (blogs).

Nunthorpe and its parents working in partnership with each other following the Parent Partnership Policy, Parents will directly help Nunthorpe achieve its aims.

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