



**THAMESVIEW SCHOOL**

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**Parental Engagement Policy**

## PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT POLICY

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#### **Introduction:**

All parents and carers are equally valued as part of our school community. Students' learning is improved when we work in partnership with their parents or carers and their whole family. We therefore believe in close cooperation with all families and in regular consultation between home and the school.

#### **Aims:**

Through parental involvement:

- to enhance the learning experience of all students.
- to encourage parents and carers to be involved in their children's learning.
- to provide a partnership between home and school seeking to ensure that families feel welcome and valued.

Involvement in the life of the school:

- parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school at all reasonable times if they have a concern. Staff will make every effort to reply to parents within 48 hours.
- families are invited to regular events, activities and celebrations that are organised by the school.
- parents are encouraged to use the website and school Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- parental information evenings are held covering a range of topics eg Post 16 guidance, e safety, school visits.

Involvements in children's learning

- appointments to see a teacher can be made through the school office or direct email contact with the teacher.
- there are regular opportunities for parents and carers to have a formal discussion about their son/daughter's progress.

- an annual report and regular tracking reports are issued to ensure parents are aware of students' progress.
- policy documents are readily available on the website.
- the school will make every effort to consult parents and carers, both formally and informally about their views on school life, children's learning and new initiatives.
- the school values feedback and will make every effort to act on parents and carers views whenever possible.
- periodically the school will seek parental views more formally, through questionnaires.
- after each OFSTED inspection parents and carers will receive a summary of the findings.

#### Communication:

- an online enquiry form is available on the school website and parents are encouraged to contact the school should they have any queries.
- copies of letters sent home are published on the school website.
- all important information is published on the school website.
- information is shared through the school Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- the school has its own "App" for sharing information.
- parentmail2 is used to send information to parents on a regular basis.
- an online Parents' Evening System is used for parents to create appointments with staff at all Parents' Evenings.
- staff will contact parents by telephone using the preferred number given on SIMs, parents will only be contacted at work in the case of an emergency.
- regular newsletters are published.
- parents can contact the office if information needs to be translated into a foreign language.

## PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT POLICY

This policy was agreed and adopted at a Governors' Meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Governor)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Headteacher)

The policy will be formally reviewed on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)