



LONGBENTON HIGH SCHOOL

Partnership with Parents Policy

RESPONSIBILITY:	Headteacher
IMPACT ASSESSMENT:	LA Policy
GOVERNING COMMITTEE:	Finance Sub-Committee
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WEBSITE:	Yes

POLICY STATEMENT – PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Rationale

We see it as being fundamental to our role in providing a high quality education to our young people that we are working in partnership with parents. By both home and school promoting the value of education, we shall strive to raise the academic achievement of our students along with their personal and social development. Therefore, we must make every effort to encourage a clear dialogue between home and school.

Purpose

- (1) To ensure that the school does all that it can to meet the reasonable aspirations of parents for their children.
- (2) To ensure that the school clearly communicates its overall ethos to parents and to try to obtain consensus with parents on matters relating to school policy.
- (3) To have effective communication with individual parents over the overall welfare of their children and to encourage them to communicate with us over any concerns they might have.
- (4) To encourage the involvement of parents in the running of the school through, attending Parent Voice Focus Group meetings and as parent governors.
- (5) To inform parents of events taking place at the school so that they can participate in the general life of the school.
- (6) To target groups of parents with support for their child's education, for example, through family events.

Guidelines

- (1) We shall endeavour to inform parents when students excel in different aspects of school life.
- (2) Parents will be contacted by appropriate members of staff if there is any aspect of concern relating to the welfare or progress of their children.
- (3) Parents who contact us expecting a reply must be contacted by us within 24 hours.
- (4) We shall inform parents of school events through :
 - the Headteacher's newsletter
 - newsletters sent out about specific events
 - the Benton Bugle
 - the school website and our social media presence
 - Electronic messaging and communications
- (5) Progress records which will outline the students' progress in each subject will be issued twice per year for parents and students.
- (6) Parents will be invited to parents' evenings to talk to tutors and subject teachers. Some parents may be contacted by telephone to encourage them to come to such events.

- (7) Parents will be invited to attend Presentation Evenings, where certificates and other awards will be presented.
- (8) An Open Evening for prospective parents will be held annually when parents will be given a tour of the school. The Principal will arrange for individual prospective parents who wish a personal tour of the school during the day to be shown around.
- (9) Parents of students transferring to us from their primary schools will be invited to Partnership with Parents' evenings where they will have an opportunity to meet their child's form tutor.
- (10) Parents will be encouraged when there are vacancies, to become parent governors.
- (11) Family events involving the parents of targeted children will be organised.

Conclusion

By creating a welcoming environment we shall encourage parents to work with us, so that together in partnership we ensure that our young people reach their full potential in all aspects of their lives.

Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years.