



**LUCKWELL**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY**

**Updated March 2014**

## **Introduction**

All parents and carers are equally valued as part of our school community. At Luckwell we firmly believe that children's learning is improved and enhanced when parents and schools work together in partnership.

As a school we are committed to establishing and maintaining an effective and purposeful working relationship between the school and home.

## **Aims of the policy**

Our aims through parental involvement are to:

- foster an ethos and atmosphere where all parents feel welcome and valued;
- encourage parents and carers to be involved in their children's learning;
- involve parents and carers in the school community; and
- develop the important partnership between the school and all parents and carers for the benefit of all children at Luckwell.

## **Involvement in the life of the school**

To encourage involvement in our school:

- Families are invited to regular events, activities and celebrations that are organised by the school or by associations connected with the school, such as the PTA and Luckwell Breakfast and After School Club;
- Weekly newsletters are sent to parents to update them on school news and provide important information about the following week. Newsletters are sent by email and in hard copy;
- Our website is a key point of information about curriculum, partnership, activities and achievement;
- Text messaging is used to keep parents informed of various activities;
- Parents and carers can talk with teachers before and after school on an informal basis and the head teacher is highly visible and approachable;
- There are 3 parents' evenings throughout the year allowing parents to meet with classroom teachers and discuss the development and education of their child;
- A 'Governor Surgery' is available at parents' evening allowing parents to meet and talk with Governors;
- We annually circulate parent questionnaires and inform parents of the results;
- Parents' Forum meetings take place throughout the year giving parents the opportunities to meet members of the Governing Body and the senior leadership team to discuss any issues and to receive updates on recent school achievements;
- Policy documents are all available on the school website or from the school office; and
- It is important that parents and carers know who the school Governors are so short bios for each of our Governors are on the website. The Chair of Governors is readily contactable through the school office.

### **Ways parents may be involved in school**

- Parents are represented on the Governing Body;
- The PTA and Luckwell Breakfast and After School Club are run by and supported by parents;
- Parents, grandparents and carers are always welcome at school to help with groups and activities in class, for example listening to children read, or helping with practical activities. Please contact your child's teacher for more information on the opportunities to participate;
- Helping with school clubs and activities which happen outside the classroom (for example, Camera Club);
- Attending the Parents Forum or speaking to the head teacher or Governors are great ways to share your any ideas and participate in school life; and
- Parents and carers also offer valued support when they respond to invitations to accompany school groups on educational visits.

The school recognises the fact that it may be difficult for some parents to become involved in activities during the school day owing to other commitments. However, parental involvement in school life also happens at home when parents play an active part in the learning and development of their child's education. This could be helping with homework or simply asking your child what the highlight of their day was.

We are committed to assisting parents and carers as much as possible so that our children are at the centre of everything we do. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve or develop the partnership between the school and parents/carers please do let the head teacher or a Governor know.

**Approved by the School Improvement Sub-Committee**

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