

# GOUROCK PRIMARY SHOOOL

# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICY

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## **INTRODUCTION**

At Gourrock Primary we believe all parents and carers are valued as part of our school community. We know childrens' learning is improved when we work in partnership with their parents or carers and their wider families. We, therefore, believe in close co-operation with all families and regular consultation between the home and school.

## **AIMS**

Our aims through Parental Involvement are:

- to enhance the learning experiences of all pupils.
- to encourage parents and carers to be involved in the childrens' learning.
- to encourage parents and carers to be a valuable resource to the school.
- to provide a partnership between home and school seeking to ensure that families feel welcome and valued.

## **VALUES**

Our seven values are:

- Respect
- Tolerance
- Care
- Honesty
- Consideration
- Take every opportunity
- High expectation

## AIMS

### To enhance the learning experiences of all pupils

- To ensure pupils and parents feel safe and secure in school through promoting positive behaviour.
- To promote shared learning between home and school through workshops or on an individual basis.
- Parents, carers and staff encourage all pupils to be respected, nurtured and included.
- Parents and carers help to embed school values both at home and school.

### To encourage parents and carers to be involved in the childrens' learning

- Open afternoon/evening 'Meet and Greet' the class teacher.
- Introduction days for the new Primary 1s.
- Informal and formal parents and carers evenings.
- Parents and carers invited to celebrate child's learning through open events eg. Concerts, coffee afternoons.
- Reporting to parents formally once a year.
- Parents invited to assemblies.

### To encourage parents and carers to be a valuable resource to the school

- Promoting health, sport, cooking, art, gardening, world of work through the expertise and skills of parents and carers.
- Parents and carers involvement for school trips is essential for them to take place.
- The active involvement of Parent Council in school where they can liaise with school and external agencies.

To provide a partnership between home and school seeking to ensure that families feel welcome and valued

- The school are always pleased to speak to parents and carers either by phone, email, letter or in person.
- Information provided through Monday's Mail; Website; School Handbook; Newsletters from school and Parents' Council; Learning Logs etc.
- Invitations to events ie shows, nativity plays, church services and fundraising events.
- Encourage parents and carers to get involved with Parents' Council.
- Parents' evenings held at two different times to ensure parents and carers can attend.
- Parents and carers involved in decision making through questionnaires and Parent Council Action Groups.
- The school recognises the key role parents and carers play in their child's learning in their home environment.

#### Links

Gourock Primary: <http://gourock-pri.inverclyde.sch.uk>

Parents' Council: <http://www.gpsparentcouncil.org/>

Parent Zone: <http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone>