

Parent Involvement

*The Foundation for
Student Success*

PARENTS

+ TEACHERS

SUCCESSFUL KIDS

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Parental Engagement and Involvement

We will look at...

- Definition of parent involvement/engagement
- Why have involvement and engagement?
- Common barriers
- Creative solutions for getting parents involved

Parent & Family Engagement



What is parent engagement?

Meaningful parental engagement is when schools recognise parents as valuable sources in supporting student achievement and acknowledge them as partners in shaping children's educational background.



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Parent involvement is
more of a 'doing to,'
while engagement is a
'doing with.'

Larry Ferlazzo
Education Week

What does the research say?

“Teachers who create partnerships with parents are more likely to report that all parents can help their children. These teachers are less likely to stereotype single parents, poor parents, or those with less education as unable to help”

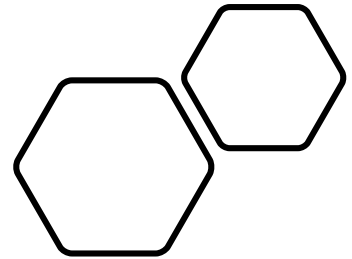
“When parents are involved in their education, children do better on a wide range of measures. These positive effects include: Better behaviour. More confidence and greater self-esteem.”

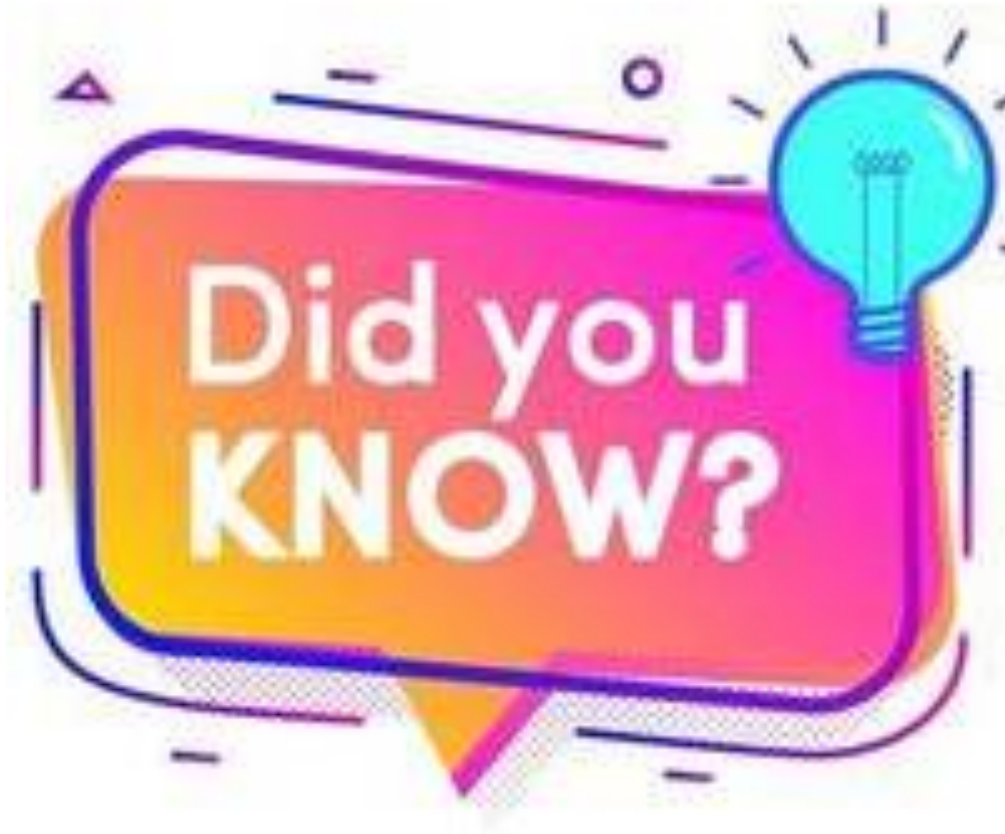
“No matter their income or background, students with involved parents are more likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have better social skills, show improved behaviour and adapt well to school.”

“Parental involvement is the number one predictor of early literacy success.” (NEA, 2007)

Children are Learning

- ▶ Research shows that children are learning all the time and everywhere. They even learn things we don't intend for them to learn!





- More than 83% of a child's waking hours are spent out of school, primarily at home.





Let us look at the maths...

Assume children sleep 8 hours a day

- 24 hours a day – 8 hours sleep = 16 waking hours
- 365 days in a year x 18 years = 6,570 days
- 6,570 x 16 waking hours = 105,120 waking hours by the age of 18

Assume children are in school an average of 6.5 hours a day

- 190 school days per year x 6.5 hours a day = 1,235 hours per year
- 1,235 hours per year x 14 years = 17,290 school hours
- 17,290 school hours / 105,120 waking hours x 100 = 16.4% of waking hours in spent in school

This means 83.6% of a child's time is spent elsewhere

What is parental engagement like for you?

- Spend 10 minutes discussing what you like and dislike about parental engagement and how it helps and hinders your role.

Why is it important?

Research indicates that, when parents are involved, there are improvements in:

- Relationships
- Information sharing
- Empowers parents
- Ownership
- Consistency between home and school
- Understanding of the child

- Greater achievement
- Better attendance
- Lower rates of suspension
- Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
- Better self-esteem
- Increased motivation
- Less behaviour issues

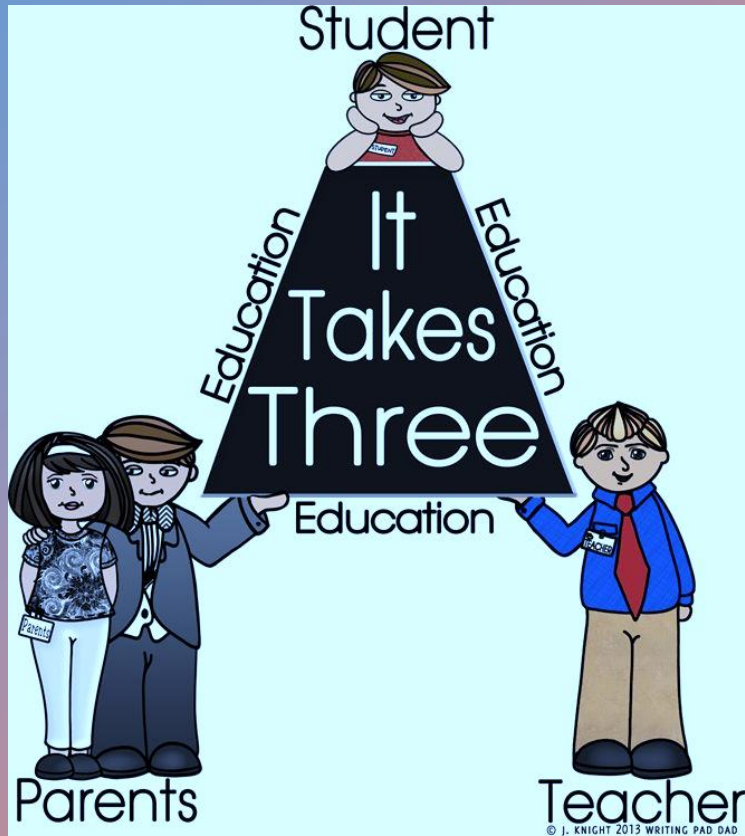


How does it help?



- Positive relationship with parents
- Improved confidence and self-esteem
- Parental voice
- Approachable
- Access to resources
- Higher attendance
- Decrease in exclusion
- Ownership of learning

Barriers



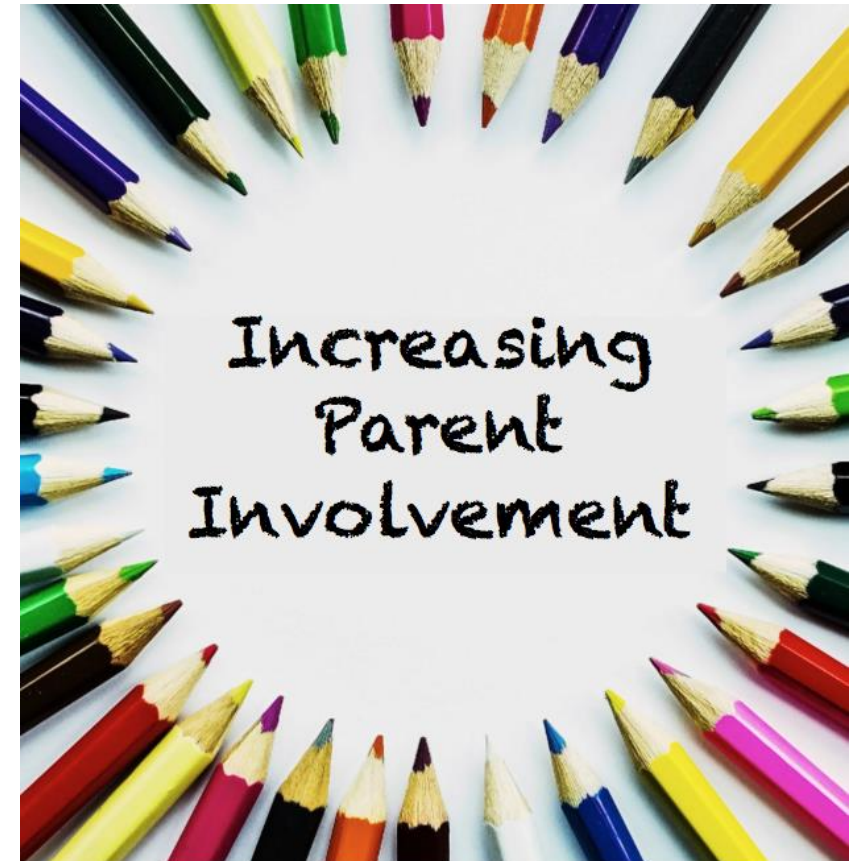
- It is more difficult in KS2 onwards
- Clashes in personalities
- Staff training
- Confidence of staff and parents
- Time and staff
- Language
- Lack of motivation
- Space
- Parents discomfort in an educational setting
- Schools comfort levels
- Parental attitude
- Culture

What are the risks when families disengage?

- Limited progress
- Lack of support
- Mental health needs
- Possible safeguarding
- Child disengages

How can we increase parental involvement and engagement?

- Increase communication
- Share common goals
- Start Early
- Use parents to run sessions rather than staff
- Praise and thank parents
- Be organised- give plenty of notice
- Send lots of reminders
- Include the children and their ideas



What do we do?

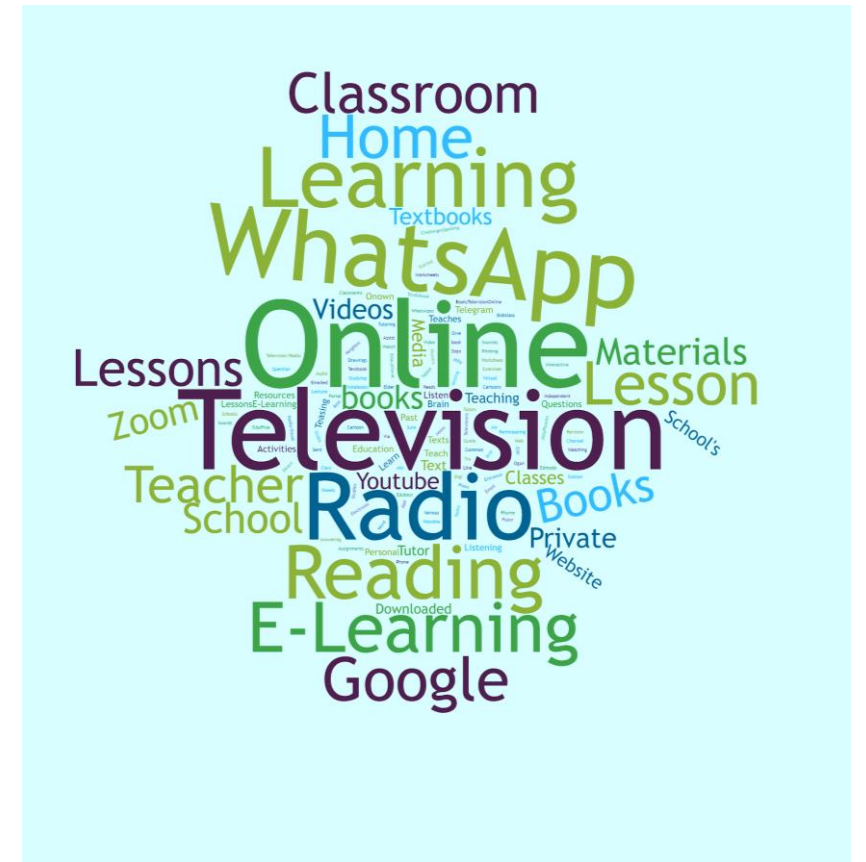
Use the Post it notes and record how you engage parents

- Come and play events
- Transition events
- Facebook
- Attendance rewards
- Coffee mornings
- Parent events
- Developed school vision
- Parent classes
- Family events
- Parent volunteers
- Learning sessions for parents
- Questionnaires
- World days
- Parent course
- Open door
- Dojo/ Seesaw
- Welcoming environment
- Communicate
- Train staff



Lock down...


- Virtual coffee mornings
- Facebook
- Zoom meetings- group and 1:1
- E-mails
- Well being support
- Finance advice
- Question time
- Family based tasks
- Fun Fridays



Some ideas of how we promote parental involvement and engagement

- Come and play sessions
- Book looks
- Plays
- Transition events
- Facebook
- Graduation events
- Attendance rewards
- Coffee mornings
- Parent events
- Charity events
- Parent meetings
- Emails & texts
- Parent governors
- Well-being and emotional support
- World days- events led by parents
- Parental support on trips/ events
- Something days- parents run some sessions
- Open door
- Being adaptable
- Support in meetings
- Parent readers
- Parent course supported by Early Help
- Support with reading and writing
- Signpost to agencies and attend meetings
- Dojo/ Seesaw
- Parent learning sessions
- Family challenges
- Surveys
- Video tours
- SLT available to chat at drop off/ pick up
- Key worker groups in class
- Friends of Green Park- parent led
- Virtual meetings
- Parent engagement team
- Parent classes

What are you
going to take away
from today?



At the end of the day,
the most overwhelming
key to a child's success
is the positive
involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

10 tips

- There is always another day- think about yourself and your well-being
- You are the Co-Ordinator
- Build a bank of resources
- Don't reinvent the wheel
- Have an action plan
- Put realistic times on your to do list
- Speak to other SENCOs- don't become isolated- it would be good to have a mentor
- Ask yourself, who is this for?
- It is impossible to know everything
- Don't be afraid to disagree

