



Parental Involvement Policy

At Barrhead High School we aim to ensure all children have the opportunity to be all they can be. To achieve this we believe all parents should have the opportunity to be fully involved in their child's education and learning. We welcome parents as active participants in the life of the school and encourage parents to express their views on the work of the school confident their views will be listened to.

Why involve parents?

- Parents, carers and families are by far the most important influences on children's lives.
- Parents who take on a supportive role in their children's learning make a difference in improving achievement and behaviour.
- Parental support can play a vital role at all stages of education. For example, where parents are actively involved in reading with their children at home, their children's reading scores improve, on average, by between 12-18 months.
- Evidence shows that most differences in achievement by 14 year olds in English, Maths and Science are due to home influences.
- When parents and schools work together, children do better.

How will Barrhead High staff communicate with parents?

To make communication between parents and the school we endeavour to communicate by a variety of means, for example:

- Parent information evenings are held once a year, the dates for which can be found on the online calendar.
- The families of all new S1 pupils will have the opportunity to attend our friends and family event where they can drop in for a tea or coffee and a guided tour of the school.
- For our new pupils we will hold parental workshops for Maths and English to support parents helping their child with homework.
- Termly newsletters will be available on our school website to keep you updated on school news.
- Our website will contain up to date information on school news.
- We are keen to hear the views of parents on wider issues regarding the school and will hold focus groups which all parents are welcome to attend. Details of forthcoming focus groups will be available through the school website.
- You will receive a text message to alert you if your child has not arrived in school.
- Parents are encouraged to contact their child's pupil support teacher if they are worried about a situation either in school or at home. All matters will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.
- If you have any concerns you would like to discuss you can make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. This should be arranged in the first instance via their Year Head.

- You can contact your child’s Year Head via our DHT page on the school website. We would encourage you to use this facility to bring to our attention any achievements your child has made outside of school.

How will we include parents in decisions affecting their child’s learning and progression?

- Provide parents with the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress and learning goals at parents’ evenings
- Arrange additional opportunities for concerned staff and or parents to meet and discuss a child’s next steps for learning where necessary.

What do we mean by parents?

- “parent” includes carer or any person who has parental responsibilities for the child.

Article 12:

You have the right to give your opinion.

