

## Parental Involvement Act 2006

In May 2006 the Scottish Parliament passed the Parental Involvement (Scotland) Act which aims to help parents to be:

- involved with their child's education and learning
- welcomed as an active participant in the life of the school
- encouraged to express their views on school education.

The Act was introduced to help parents, carers and schools work together as partners in children's learning. It places duties on schools, local authorities and Scottish Government to make it easier for parents to become involved



## Getting It Right For Every Child

Getting it right for every child and young person is a national policy to help all children and young people grow, develop and reach their full potential. Its focus is to improve outcomes for children and their families based on a shared understanding of their well being.

We incorporate the values from this policy in our vision for the centre and when working with parents. More information about GIRFEC is available on the board in the Smillie Centre.



## Involving Parents within Inverclyde

"Research shows that when parents are involved in their child's learning, children do better at school and throughout their life. As part of Inverclyde's continuing commitment to close partnerships with parents, we want to support parents in becoming involved in any way they can be".

Inverclyde Council, (online 2008).

The way to better parental involvement lies through increased engagement with parents and their families.

Engagement with parents can be defined as the process of working collaboratively with parents to address issues affecting their support for their children's learning.

Engagement with parents can be a powerful vehicle for bringing about change. Inverclyde Council has developed a parental strategy which aims to give as many parents as possible the opportunity to work in partnership with the education service in Inverclyde



# Parental Participation Policy

## Parents' Guide

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/parentzone/>  
<http://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/education-and-learning/parental-involvement/>

## Involving parents in the life of the centre.



At Wellpark it is important that parents are involved and valued. We involve parents in the following ways.

*We communicate with parents using:*

- Website**
- Twitter**
- Letters Home**
- Information Board**
- Verbally**

Our objectives for parents are that they are:

- ➲ fully informed about their child's education and learning,
- ➲ welcomed and involved in the life of the Centre,
- ➲ able to support learning at home,
- ➲ encouraged to express their views and take part in decision making and



### Be part of the Centre, join the Parents Group

The parents group meets every term and discusses issues which are important to parents. They work with staff to develop certain policies and can make real change within the Centre.

The parents group is also a forum for supporting the nursery with issues such as fundraising



Parents can be involved in their child's learning by:

Viewing your child's profile and talking to your child's keyworker

Extending learning at home with lending library, maths and science bags

Telling staff about an achievement in your child's life so they can share it in their profile

Bring in photographs of achievements at home