

● Parental Representation

- You will have the opportunity to express your views on matters affecting the education of your child.
- We will have arrangements in place to encourage **your** involvement in your child's school.
- You will automatically be a member of your school's **Parent Forum**.
- We will assist the **Parent Forum** to set up a **Parent Council** and provide ongoing support.
- Your **Parent Council** will participate in the process for Headteacher and Depute Headteacher appointments.

● Advice, Information and Handling Concerns

- Your child's school is your first point of contact should you require advice, information or to raise concerns.
- You will be advised of the key person to contact in your child's school.
- Your school will work with you to resolve any concerns and/or issues.
- Your school will advise you on how to take your concerns forward should your concerns remain unresolved.
- Your concerns will be dealt with confidentially, within a set timescale and feedback will be given.

● Monitoring and Evaluation

- Through its self-evaluation process, your school will regularly review the success of its partnership with parents.
- We will monitor and evaluate every school's success in promoting a meaningful partnership with parents.
- We will review this strategy within three years of implementation.

Successful parental partnership will ensure that our schools achieve excellence and the outcomes for our children will be improved.

Further information may be obtained from:

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Parental Involvement features on Perth & Kinross Council's Website:

www.pkc.gov.uk/parentalinvolvement

If you or someone you know would like a copy of this document in another language or format, (on occasion, only a summary of the document will be provided in translation), this can be arranged by contacting the Communications Manager on 01738 476873.



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Parental Involvement Strategy

Parents as Partners



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Perth & Kinross Council values parents and carers as the most important influences on children's lives and their learning.

We acknowledge that when parents and schools work together, children do better.

This leaflet sets out the ways in which the Council aims to encourage and promote the involvement of parents in their children's learning.

Parents as Partners

Research shows that when parents are involved in their child's learning, children do better at school and throughout life.

*The Scottish Schools
(Parental Involvement) Act 2006*

The Act reflects the shared responsibility that schools, parents and the community have in working to educate children.

The Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement) Act 2006 asks schools and Authorities to:

- *help parents become more involved with their child's education and learning;*
- *welcome parents as active participants in the life of the school;*
- *provide easier ways for parents to express their views and wishes.*

We are aware that there may be barriers to effectively supporting your child's learning at home and in school. The Parental Involvement Strategy identifies the steps we will take to ensure that all parents have the opportunity to be partners in their child's learning.

Please Note: A parent in this case includes a guardian and any person who is liable to maintain or has parental responsibility or care of the child or young person. This includes Looked After Children.

There are three broad areas in which you can be involved in your child's learning:

- ***Learning at Home*** - by providing you with information on what your child is learning at school and how this can best be supported by you at home.
- ***Home/School Partnership*** - by providing you with opportunities to contribute to the life of the school, eg by helping out in the classroom, on school trips and at school events.
- ***Parental Representation*** - by helping you to decide what kind of parent group/s and representation the school should have.

Steps we will take to support you in these three areas:

- ***Learning at Home***
 - *You will get lots of encouragement from the school to take part in your child's learning.*
 - *Schools and teachers will keep you informed of what your child will be learning in school so that you can discuss this with your child at home.*
 - *Parents and staff will tackle areas of difficulty and concern together.*
 - *Schools will provide a range of activities for you to do with your child at home.*
- ***Home and School Partnership***
 - *You will feel welcome in your child's school and know who to speak to.*
 - *You will be asked about what is important to you and what you would like to see happening in your child's school.*
 - *Your child will be asked to contribute their ideas about what is important to them and how they want you and others to be involved.*
 - *We will value the skills you have to offer.*
 - *We will provide opportunities for you to get involved in different activities.*
- *You can support your child's learning by helping with homework and making links with other areas of school work.*
- *How we will communicate with you will reflect your individual needs.*
- *There will be open channels of communication so that you feel comfortable talking to your child's teachers and making them aware of how your child's learning is being supported at home.*
- *You can discuss with your child's teacher activities undertaken at home.*
- *Adult Family Learning opportunities will be available in your community.*