



Aviemore Primary School/ELC Parental Engagement Policy

The engagement of parents and families can help raise attainment for all and help to ensure every child has an equal chance of success.

The term parental involvement relates to the involvement of parents and carers in the life and work of the early learning and childcare setting or school. This can include parent representation on Parent Councils or associations, involvement in establishment self-evaluation and improvement work, and volunteering with fundraising activities or by sharing skills and knowledge to enrich the curriculum. The term parental engagement most commonly refers to parental (and family) engagement in their children's learning.

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Methods of Communication

- Meetings - We operate an open-door policy and are happy to meet with parents/carers face to face on request.
- Telephone – 01479 813120 for school office and 01479810738 for ELC office.
- Phonecalls and notes will be used to communicate First Aid incidents.
- Email Aviemore.Primary@highland.go.uk for school and Aviemore.nursery@highland.gov.uk for nursery.
- 'Latest News' is emailed every Monday with updates from school/ELC for the week ahead and relevant community material. Newsletters (Microsoft Sway) are emailed at the start of each term with more detailed reflections on the previous term (school improvement progress, achievements, response to parental feedback - 'you said, we did' and details of plans for the term ahead.)
- Email communication is also used to communicate when children have been involved in a restorative conversation as per our Positive Relationships Policy.
- Attendance and Punctuality letters are distributed via email on a four weekly basis.
- Social Media – Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Aviemore-Primary-School-and-ELC-551492044975021/>
- Each class posts once a fortnight as well as general school/ELC information and reminders. We post a pinned post of dates at the start of each term.
- A reception screen at the front of the school is updated with photos and dates for the term.
- Website - <https://aviemoreprimary.co.uk/>
- Our School and ELC handbooks are published here annually in December.
- Our website is updated termly and useful downloads include links to Makaton Sign of the Week and our Right of the Month.
- Other methods of communication are provided for children with individual needs e.g My Day sheet in Rainbow.
- Face to face – SLT are present at the gates daily and available to chat to parents as needed.

Sharing Learning Opportunities

- All parents/carers are invited to attend assembly on a weekly basis, currently Friday at 11:10am.
- Twice annual parents/carers appointment, currently November and February for school and January and June for ELC. Settling appointments with your child's keyworker take place within the first eight weeks. Support is available for parents/carers whose first language is not English.
- Open events – termly to share your child's progress by engaging with their Learning Profile. Days and times are varied to optimise opportunities for attendance.(One of these includes a social picnic lunch.) Learning Profiles can be taken home to be shared on request from school/ELC office.

- Parent Information Sessions/Workshops – themed around the priorities in our School Improvement Plan and planned termly alongside other events to minimise disruption or working parents/carers.
- Special events e.g shows and performances, fundraising events and Sports Days.
- Transition events e.g new P1 parent coffee mornings and ELC/P1 enrolment info events.
- Termly Planners are available on our website from the end of the second week of each term.
- End of year reports in June to communicate children’s progress.
- Homework activities are provided termly (week 2) to encourage parental involvement in your child’s learning. The focus is on recall activities – number bonds, times timetables, spelling etc to consolidate learning.

Further Opportunities for Parental Engagement.

- Parent Council – all parents/carers invited to attend meetings, held every term. Parent Council supports school in various ways including fundraising. Our Parent Council have their own Facebook page where minutes are shared as well as on our school website.
- Volunteering – we are always looking for parents/carers who are willing to volunteer to support with trips/outdoor learning sessions to help us to meet the required ratios of adults to children. We are also keen for parents/carers to volunteer in any other capacity e.g supporting reading etc.
- Sharing skills/expertise – in our responsibility to ‘Develop the Young Workforce’ we are keen for parents/carers to share their skills and expertise relating to work/hobbies.
- We are a Gold Rights Respecting School and value equality and diversity. We encourage parents to share their culture with us.
- Surveys – we regularly issue surveys through Google Forms to parents/carers to find out your views.
- Self-evaluation – we are keen to evaluate our school and use the surveys above as well as other opportunities where possible to include your views and opinions. Our self-evaluation procedures help to create our annual School Improvement Plan which is displayed visually for parents/carers at the office window and published on our website.