



Checklist

parents and teachers working together to promote parents' involvement in children's learning

- Do parents get information about how they can help with their children's learning? Is this provided in a variety of formats including written and face to face? Are other forms of electronic methods used?
- Do parents know how they can share information about their child with the school? How are they able to do this?
- Are parents asked about how they want to get information and communicate with the school and does the school make arrangements to respond appropriately?
- Is it easy for parents to communicate with the school in ways that suit them?
- Is there a school and/or education authority website? Does it include a parents' section? Does it contain details of what children will be learning each term? Does it contain suggestions of what parents can be doing at home to extend and reinforce this learning?
- Is there information in the school and in other places about access to adult learning and other ways parents can build their own confidence and skills?
- Are parents encouraged to share their interests and skills with their children? How does this happen?
- Does the school ensure that they understand the needs of all parents and provide ways of supporting them to help their children's learning at home? For example, some parents might need help with literacy and numeracy skills in order to support their child.
- Do parents who are not living with their children – for example, parents who are separated or someone who is working away - get regular updates on what is happening for their child?
- Is there support within the education authority to support parents, families and children who may be experiencing particular difficulties?
- Do parents know that members of the extended family can be involved too, if this is how the family want to do things?
- Are schools working together to help parents as well as children with the transition from Pre-school to Primary and Primary to Secondary school?
- Are there links with other agencies that can support parents in their role as educators – for example, Libraries, Community Centres, Family Learning teams, Social Workers, Home School Link workers, Community Learning and Development teams, Adult Literacy staff?
- Do parents know about and get access to the resources that are available, such as the 'Making the Difference' leaflets and useful websites?
- Have parents been involved with teachers and other staff in developing the school prospectus and any other leaflets that are sent to parents?