

Redbridge High school

PARENT PARTICIPATION POLICY

Redbridge High School is a welcoming school which actively includes parents /carers as part of the whole school community. We believe in working in close co-operation with all families and in regular consultation with parents/carers.

AIMS

- To enhance the learning experiences of all pupils
- To provide a partnership between home and school and seeking to ensure that families feel welcome and valued.
- To provide the parents/carers with information.
- To provide opportunities for parents/carers to be involved in the life of the school

CONSULTATION

- The school consults parents/carers both formally and informally about their views on many aspects of school life and pupils learning.
- The Head Teacher annually seeks parental views through a questionnaire and responds to views and issues raised.
- An annual review report about pupils achievements is sent to the parents and there is a section for parental views.
- At the annual review the school reports on the pupil achievements and progress and consults with the parents on future targets.
- A copy of the pupils I.E.P. targets are sent home at the beginning of each term with a comment sheet for parent responses.
- There are 4 Parent Governors on the Governing Body.
- School has a P.T.F.A in which all parents are encouraged to be involved.

INFORMATION

- The Head Teacher and Parental Involvement Co-ordinator meet with new parents/carers to inform them about the different aspects of school life, and give an opportunity to ask questions.
- A newsletter is sent home every half term giving information about pupil involvement in different activities and celebrating pupil achievements.
- The school is pro-active in distributing information on many issues relating to the pupils needs.
- Parents can access information on the school website which is updated on a regular basis. There is also a special area for parents.
- At the end of the summer term a report is sent home to parents/carers reporting on pupils achievements and progress.
- The Governing Body publishes its Annual Report to Parents each summer term.
- After an Ofsted inspection parents/carers receive a summary of the findings followed by a response to the report.

PARTICIPATION IN THE LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

- Families are invited to regular events, activities and celebrations that are organised by the school e.g. Christmas Carol Service; School Production; Sports Day. These occasions provide an opportunity to celebrate success and give the parents an opportunity to be part of their child s learning experiences.
- Appointments to see the Head Teacher, class teacher or team leader can be made by a phone call or request in the link book.
- There is a link book system in place for all pupils in which the teacher writes every day, with pupil input where possible, informing parents/carers of what pupil has learnt / achieved during day.
- Every term there is an Open Day which gives parents/carers the opportunity to see the pupils working.
- The Parental Involvement Co-ordinator arranges coffee mornings and workshops in response to parental interests.

Maire Rooney November 2010

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