

Partnership with Parents

It is an aim of the school to promote a good working relationship with parents based on mutual respect and trust. We are very keen for parents to become involved and be informed about all aspects of their child's school life. We are very proud that School has now been presented twice with the Leading Parent Partnership Award.

There are several ways in which parents can become practically involved in the life of school:

- **PTA :** The Rivington Primary Parent and Teacher Association is a flourishing and open organisation raising funds and providing social activities for parents and children. The PTA is invaluable for providing the "extras" to support and enhance the learning opportunities and school environment for our children. All parents are welcome to join in with the half termly meetings and become involved as much as they wish. See the PTA page on our website for further information.
- **Governing Body:** Our parent governors are Mrs Alison Hodgkinson and Mrs Stacey Haydock . Mrs Johanna Lucas is our Community Governor. Our Local Authority Governor , Mr Stephen Sands, is also the Chair of our Governing Body. Governors hold meetings at least, twice each term playing a vital role in the successful running of the school.
The role of parent governor is very important- providing a link between the governors and the parent body.
- **Parents' Council:** The Parents' Council was formed in 2009 and provides an excellent forum for parents' views. These views are then conveyed to the Headteacher and/or Governing body for consideration.
All parents are welcome at these meetings, each class also has a Parent council representative.
- **Home-School Agreement:** Our home- school agreement is for parents to show firm intent in supporting School and its policies.
Signing this with your child is a commitment to our School's values.
- **Parental Questionnaire:** Parents will be invited to complete an annual questionnaire on a variety of issues. The school takes the outcome of these questionnaires very seriously; welcoming ideas and suggestions, acting on concerns, listening to opinions.
- **In the Classroom:** Parents have a massive fund of skills that can be of use in the classroom and involvement in school is always welcomed by staff. If you have a particular skill or if you would just like to help out in the classroom please let school know. We have a **Parental Help Register:** Parents or grandparents are invited to offer help on the "Help Register" for such things as gardening, art displays, occasional Welfare duty, listening to children read..... Teachers find this help very beneficial and it is a good way to feel part of the school.
- **Starting School:** Parents of our new intake, are invited to meet staff and have an opportunity for discussion before their child starts school.
- **Meeting Staff:** Parents are invited to meet their child's new class teacher in September 'Meet The Teacher' evening. There are 2 Parents' evenings and 1 daytime Parental consultation meeting during the year, plus workshops covering different aspects of the curriculum/ school life. Eg: 2015-16 Reading EYFS, S.R.E, Waddow Residential , SATs KS1 & KS2.
Parents can meet with staff to discuss any concerns - usually on the same day - at a mutually convenient time.

- **Special Occasions:** Parents are welcome to join us for each Friday 'Get Together', Special 'Get Togethers' (eg; Music, Hobbies & Talents, Sports), End of Term 'Get Togethers'. Class Assemblies. Concerts- July and September. Church; Harvest, Christingle, Mothers' Day, Leavers' Service.

Also for many Sporting events - home and away! Sports' Day.

We love to share what we do!