

WOODBIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Partnership Policy

The Principles

We recognise the importance of ensuring we have strong partnerships with parents, and value parental involvement in the life of the school. Throughout this policy the term 'parent' is used to refer to parents and carers.

We believe that education is a collaborative enterprise involving parents, staff, children, governors, the Local Authority and a range of other agencies. We are committed to establishing and maintaining an effective and purposeful working relationship between home and school.

Aims

We aim to:

1. Ensure that all communication between the school and parents is effective and clear
2. Actively involve parents in the education, progress and behaviour of their child
3. Encourage parents to take an active role within our school community

Further details about each aim are provided below.

Communication between School and Home

Communication between the school and parents will take the form of:

- Written communications which are 'user-friendly', useful and informative.
- School newsletters, which will be issued regularly
- Electronic communication via social media, principally celebrating student achievements
- The School website, which is updated regularly
- Annual parent-teacher consultation evenings
- Open days and guided tours for prospective and established parents
- Annual parent survey

Parental Engagement with Student Progress and Behaviour

Student progress and behaviour will be communicated to parents by:

- Three academic reports issued each year
- Annual parent-teacher consultation evenings
- Information evenings to support parents
- Written communications and telephone calls from school staff to provide key information about a student's progress and behaviour
- Meetings to discuss behaviour and to involve parents in supporting their child's behaviour
- Information and support to maximise attendance and minimise lateness

Parental Involvement in the School Community

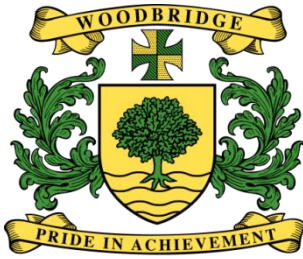
Parents are invited, and encouraged, to become involved in the school community by:

- attending school performances, events and celebrations;
- joining or supporting the school PTA;
- becoming a parent governor; and/or
- volunteering to support in school

Parent Charter

The Parent Charter outlines the school's expectations of parents and provides information about ways in which parents can support the school in the education and progress of their child.

The charter can be found on the next page.



The Woodbridge Parent Charter

Woodbridge is committed to the success and positive experience of our students. Our success is determined by having a good quality partnership between school and parents. We ask parents to familiarise themselves with this charter and support us by meeting our parental expectations.

Uniform and Equipment

- Please ensure your child has all the required uniform and equipment for each day.
- Please ensure bags are packed the evening before school with everything your child needs for the following day.
- Please let us know in advance of any issues with equipment or uniform so we can help.

Attendance

- Please ensure your child maintains a good attendance record.
- Please ensure your child arrives to school on time each day.
- Please contact the school to inform us of any absences.

Behaviour standards

- Please read and familiarise yourself with the school's Code of Conduct.
- Please discuss your child's behaviour and support the school from home.
- Parents are reminded that the school is responsible for setting sanctions and deciding on outcomes of any incidents. Parents are expected to fully support any decision made by the school.
- Remind your child that they are the school's responsibility during the school day. This includes travelling to and from school.

Lessons & Learning

- Please take an active interest in the different subjects that your child is studying.
- Use the Curriculum Booklets on our website, which not only share the content, but also give excellent ideas for extension activities.
- Please give your child an opportunity to talk through their learning at home; this is an excellent way to consolidate what they are doing in school.
- Please attend all Parents' Evenings and other relevant school information events.

Home Learning (PPR)

- Home Learning is crucial in supporting and extending your child's learning.
- Home Learning activities will be based on PPR: Planning, Preparation and/or Retrieval.
- Please use Firefly, our online learning platform, to keep track of all work set.
- Please help your child keep to deadlines and complete home learning to the best of their ability.

School Community

- Please get involved in our PTA, sports, theatre and musical experiences.
- Please encourage your child to participate in the school's extracurricular programme.

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