

How School X works with the community

School X believes that is important and beneficial to engage with the community and has numerous links with and methods for engaging with the community including:

- Community groups using school space such as Rainbows, dance groups and sports groups
- Facilities used by simply out of schools
- Links with community groups such as Sea and Nature Quest
- Foodbanks and various charities
- Concerts and theme days
- Use of community’s skills and expertise
- Agencies such as social services and health visitors
- Choir and church performances
- Visits to amenities
- Polling station, rotary club
- Ospreys in the community

Forest schools –
Forest schools are woodland based learning environments that supports development and has many benefits for young learners such as Exploring outdoor areas and improving fine motor skills.



Transitions into nursery

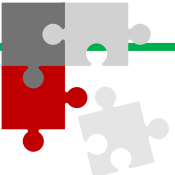
School X engages in various activities to welcome new students into their school and first build relationships with both the learners and their families. These include:

- Parent and toddler groups
- Links with Flying Start, playgroups and private nurseries and visits.
- Library story time
- Welcome brochures and school tours

Information Sharing

School X ensures that both parents/ carers and the community have access to important information and have adapted to the increased of use of technology as a source of information. School X provides information to learners, parents/carers and the community through various methods including:

- School Website and google classroom
- Social media, particularly twitter
- Termly class newsletters
- Parent guides and resources
- Information evenings and parents evening
- Open days



The importance of links between the school, community and parents

School X encourages parents and learners to be involved in the curriculum through methods such as creating questionnaires

- There are many benefits of the links between schools and the community such as opportunities for learners.
- There are also many benefits for schools working with parents such as improving wellbeing and attendance.

Challenges

There are potential challenges to schools engaging with parents and the community. Examples of challenges School X faces include:

- Many parents work full time and are often time poor
- Small parents and friends association (PFA)
- Broadlands estate, no community centre



Whole school engagement activities

Whole school engagement activities in School X include:

- Breakfast club
- Weekly Coffee morning
- Toddler and parent groups
- Loan or resources – Help yourself trolley



Support and guidance

School x offers a range of support and guidance to parents such as:

- ALN yearly reviews, Early help support and social services
- Health team and LA team, such as speech and language support and educational psychologists
- Individual development plans, reviews and targets set
- Working with vulnerable children and families
- Family Support Officer – works with parents to resolve poor attendance, helps parents support their children’s learning.
- Emotional Literacy Support Assistant –supports parents in various ways such as running parent and toddler groups and encouraging parents to read with their children.
- Support during transition points- new nursery pupils and year 6 to comprehensive school.



The culture, faith, language and socio-economic context of School X
School X embraces inclusivity and has a range of learners from different backgrounds including:

- Learners from varied socio-economic backgrounds, from low income to high income households
- Learners who practice various religions
- Learners who are bilingual or whose first language is not English or Welsh

How School X works with parents and carers

School X has many methods for engaging with parents and carers and encouraging them to be involved and support learning. These include:

- LAP, NAP, WAP and OLAP sessions
- Parental roles such as PFA, Governing body and volunteering.
- Free resources such as books and toothbrushes
- ELSA support and Family Support Officers
- ALN support and yearly reviews with parents
- Tray Sharing
- Encourage reading and promoting wellbeing
- Questionnaires
- Parents Evenings
- Weekly coffee mornings
- Early help support
- Individual development plans and reviews
- Concerts and theme days
- Family contacts and experience talks
- Recordings of concerts and other activities