

Start at my feet

how does school X builds relationships/supports families



The family support officers offer emotional support, home visits, weekly toddler groups in order to support struggling families and to help further build relationships. They also provide a Mother and toddler play group which helps build a relationship, with families. It also gives an opportunity to get to know the school and allows the children to get familiarised with their environment before they start school. Home visits include informal chats with parents/carers. They also give insight in whether families need help in contacting supporting third parties e.g., benefits/housing. It further provides insight into what support and facilities each family might need. Flying start offers a stay and play which allows families to engage and play with their children. School communicates with families via devices however, support is offered to families who do not have any devices. They offer sessions to help educate parents e.g., nappy changing, sleep patterns, linking with health workers. moreover., they offer family ELSA and education welfare officers in order to examine reasons for absences and how to tackle this e.g., sticker charts.

How the school works with the local community

The school actively works with the community in order for the pupils to have a sense of belonging. Throughout the school year they offer plenty of community based activities, as the school has a community room which hosts any community activity. Recently, the school hosted a soup kitchen/ concert for the families of the pupils in order to raise money for the homeless community. The school is renowned for its family engagement activities. For instance, they have whole year group sessions where parents and learners can work together. They also offer drop in sessions for families every Friday so that they can discuss their concerns about their child and how the school can offer support.

School X is a local and well resourced school that prides itself on community. They are a medium English school with around 646 learners as of 2022. 29.4% of those learners are eligible for free school meals over a 3 year average.



How school X works with vulnerable learners

School X provides special support to children who are young carers, EAL, service children, Syria and Ukraine refugee. They have set up something named 'cymbrogi special days' which include forest school activities for refugee children. They even have multi-generational activities which allow engagement with families from all year groups. School X even works with gypsy traveller families where they engage and identify barriers of attendance problems. They also offer small group sessions for parents of young carers, service families, inclusion groups, parents of learners in receipt of nurture support and parents of EAL learners. Furthermore, they have sessions for families in EY's and reception in how to support your child at home.

School X and how works with children who have additional learning needs

firstly, School X works to identify ALN in early years through class interventions, 25% of pupils identify having ALN. They further use SEN code of practice which identifies and assesses pupil's for ALN. This intervention helps children who have ALN to make adequate and successful progress to access the curriculum. The school applies a graduated response which includes looking at how teachers structure their lessons/classrooms in order to identify the most appropriate ways a child with ALN will learn. Moreover, they have a individual education plan which focuses on 3 to 4 individual targets that will meet that pupils needs and priorities. The school discusses this with parents twice a year to ensure their child is on the right path to success. Lastly, school x has a range of support officers and facilities e.g., sunshine room, soft play room in order to support pupils who have ALN. Moreover, they have developed an empathy lab as the school noticed that covid-19 has left significant effect on children's empathy. Therefore, through the empathy lab they are able build empathy through use of books which has influence literacy, and social activism.