

## **FELLSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **POLICY FOR PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

#### **Mission Statement**

*We provide an inspiring, caring environment, in which we are all challenged to maximise our potential.*

#### **Equal Opportunity**

Fellside Community Primary School supports the principles of Equal Opportunity as embodied in current legislation. We aim to provide an environment in which individual potential can be maximised irrespective of race, religion, gender, age, ability or social circumstances. This policy extends to pupils and staff. We believe that every pupil is of equal value and has the right to equal educational opportunities. To that end positive action will be taken to ensure that all available human resources, talents and skills are utilised to the full and that every possible step will be taken to ensure that all individuals are treated equally and fairly.

The school encourages parents to become involved in their children's learning and welcomes their support in the classroom when it is appropriate and convenient for them to do so.

Parental help on school visits is essential in order to enable there to be a satisfactory pupil/adult ratio.

The teacher organising the visit will brief the accompanying adults beforehand as to the purpose and programme for the visit.

Parents who help out in school on a 'regular' basis, ie. More than once a term will be subject to criminal disclosure checks. These checks are processed by Gateshead Council then passed to the Criminal Records Bureau and can take approximately 8 weeks to process. Criminal Disclosure application forms are available from the school office and must be returned with necessary identification to be processed.

Throughout the year there are opportunities for parents to attend information sessions for example:

- Reading
- Maths
- Writing
- KS1 SATS
- KS2 SATS

Parent consultation evenings are held during the autumn and summer terms.

An annual written report is provided to parents/guardians towards the end of the summer term.

A welcome booklet is sent to parents at the beginning of the academic year. A curriculum newsletter is sent to parents at the end of each of the topics. The school website is updated on a regular basis; there are suggested websites for children to use at home as well as a wealth of other information about the school.

Parents/guardians are invited to attend class assemblies.

Parents/guardians are invited to share in their child's Christmas Carol Service, Christmas performance and to attend Sports Day in the summer term.

The Friends of Fellside parents group organise events such as school discos, coffee mornings and Christmas and Summer Fairs. They are supported by staff.

