Parental Engagement

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Parental Engagement at the heart of the Community School model.

- Staff role
  Professional Development
- Parent Engagement Coordinator
- Support matched to need
  Leadership opportunities
- Parental programmes
  Reflect the values, cultures and needs of parents
- Genuine Partnership
  Action and involvement sits with the parents
Parents are fundamental to children’s learning

Between birth and eighteen only 11% of a child’s time is spent in formal education in school.

When parents support children’s learning it can make a positive difference.

OECD 2017
The engagement of parents in the education process and organisation of the school needs to be improved.

Estyn 2018
Schools that are the most successful at raising standards for all their pupils and are closing the poverty gap encourage greater engagement with parents.
FEO Role

- Place value on PE
- Bridge the gap between home and school
- Consistent whole school approach
- Flexible approach
- Create an equitable partnership
Parent Forum

• Understanding views and needs of parents
• Developing leadership opportunities for parents
Sunshine Club

- Parents taking ownership
- Helps develop a meaningful partnership
Cwtch Cupboard

- Link to Bridgend Foodbank
- Immediate response

During lockdown.....

- Phone call
- Home visit
- Food delivery
- Video/face to face meeting
- Sunshine Club
Parental Engagement: Covid 19

- Highlighted the importance of engaging parents
- Practice has moved forward quickly
- Role FEO invaluable
- Maintaining meaningful link with parents

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