

Leading Parent Partnership – September 2019 Update

I am writing to give you an update on the progress that we are making towards gaining the Leading Parent Partnership Award.

- A working group has continued to work hard to improve our partnerships with parents.
- The School Council now has a Parent Partnership Sub-Committee and are starting to work on ways to improve our work with parents.
- We now have a Parent Partnership Policy, which can be found on the LPPA page on the website.
- We are really pleased to report that we hosted a number of events in which parents and carers came into school and worked with their children. Our STEM Family Challenges were a great success and we will be looking to host more of these events this year.
- We had our Interim Assessment on 12th July and received really good feedback about the progress that we have been making. Our assessor, Andy Taylor, made comments such as:

“Strong links with a range of external agencies”;

“Working with parents has been a key focus over the last few years. There is clear evidence to show that they value the education of their children”;

“Environment reflects the high standards of school leaders”;

“Very clear signage around the school”;

“The school provides a range of high quality information”;

“Parental engagement is the responsibility of all staff”;

“School uses the website to feedback to parents – using the You said...we did format”;

“Very effective workshops to promote STEM. The school plans to use this model across a wider range of subjects”;

“Evidence of thorough induction processes, including those for the more vulnerable students”;

“The school is very effective in the ways it celebrates achievement etc. This is via presentation evenings, certificates and a range of incentives and rewards”;

“The school has a wide range of parent volunteers who support the school”;

- Our next initiative is to establish a Parent Partnership Group, which will be made up of parents and carers who would like to play a larger role in the life of the school.
- We are also looking to improve the amount of opportunities for parents to come into school to work with their children during the school day.

If you have any questions about this award, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Neil Cairns, September 2019