



AVANTI MEADOWS  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PARENT PARTNERSHIP POLICY

Working together to *'Make the World a Better Place'*  
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*'There is a committed engagement of parents as co-educators'* The Avanti Way-Educational Excellence

At Avanti Meadows Primary School we recognise the importance of and value parental/carers involvement in the life of the school. Throughout this policy the term parent is used to refer to parents, guardians and carers. We believe that education is a **collaborative enterprise** involving amongst others, parents, staff and children. As a school, we are therefore committed to establishing and maintaining an effective and purposeful working relationship between the school and home.

**“It’s what parents do, rather than who they are, that counts”**  
(Charles Desforge)

**Working in partnership and collaboratively with parents/carers will ensure ‘each person becomes a well-rounded human being through intellectual, moral and spiritual growth, and so make the world a better place.’ The Avanti Way**

**It is known that:-**

- Parents are the most important influence in a child’s life.
- Any educational initiative can only be fully effective if there is partnership between parents, children and providers.
- Parents want their child to succeed.
- Children need educational and emotional support if they are to succeed. Parents need to be able to provide this effectively.
- The school is a resource for the community it *serves ‘we serve a higher purpose by living a meaningful and satisfying life contribution.’* The Avanti Way-Core Principle

### **Aims**

- To develop good, open communication with parents and to fully inform them about what is happening in school
- To actively involve parents in the education and progress of their child so that *‘children are joyful learners with a passion for learning’*. The Avanti Way Educational Excellence
- To make good use of parents’ expertise and willingness to enhance their own learning and that of their child and other children and to actively involve them in school life
- To establish the views and opinions of parents of the school and act upon these
- To embed the Avanti Values at home and at school in partnership so that: *‘each person becomes a well-rounded being through intellectual, moral and spiritual growth, and so makes the world a better place.’* The Avanti Way-Why We’re Here.

**To develop good communication and fully inform parents about what is happening in school we will:**

- Make letters, school prospectus and key policies “user friendly”, useful and informative.
- Send regular whole school e-letters containing information such as dates and events.
- Send newsletters informing parents of their child’s curriculum, safeguarding updates showing evidence of where as a school we are meeting our three drivers: **Educational Excellence, Spiritual Insight and Character Formation.**
- Hold a Parent/Teacher consultation evening in the Autumn and Spring terms.
- Send a written report home in the Summer term informing parents and carers of their child’s attainment, progress and how their child upholds the schools values.
- Hold an informal meeting in the summer term so that parents/carers are able to come into school and view their child’s books alongside their child and celebrate learning.

- Hold a curriculum information session termly to inform parents of the key value of the term and how we intend to support children to understand and develop this value and to inform parents of what children will be learning throughout the term.
- Send home half termly targets and curriculum information to inform parents of what their child will be learning and how best to support them at home.
- Display key information on the school website and around school where appropriate.

**To actively involve parents in the education and progress of their child we will:**

- Offer two parents evenings throughout the year
- Send an annual report at the end of each year
- Organise regular days when parents are invited to work with their child
- Host parent/carer learning sessions e.g. A maths workshop to inform parents of how maths is taught in Reception. Philosophy, Religion and Ethics Sessions to support parents/carers to develop an understanding of how *'high quality dialogue, a willingness to listen to others with an open mind and to speak sincerely questions own assumptions'* develops Educational Excellence and Spiritual Insight. *The Avanti Way*

**To make good use of parent's/carer's expertise and willingness to enhance their own learning and that of their child and other children and to actively involve them in school life we will encourage parents to:**

- Volunteer to support within classrooms
- Attend school trips to support learning outside of the classroom
- Attend class sharing assemblies to celebrate the values and learning of the school
- Attend school performances, festivals, events and celebrations because *'the opportunity of sharing the joy of others' festivals and celebrations can give a gateway into a world of mutual understanding and shared human values'*.
- Become involved in school projects to *Make the World a Better Place*.
- Participate in Family and Adult Learning events organised by the school
- Join or support the school fundraising group
- Use opportunities to have informal discussions with staff members

**To establish the views and opinions of parents/carers and to support the development of 'heartfelt relationships between members of the school community' (The Avanti Way-Spiritual Insight' we will:**

- Establish a variety of viewpoints from parents, parent SSC (School Stakeholder Committee) and FOAM ( Friends of Avanti Meadows) and inform all parties of the results
- Ask parents/carers to evaluate key events in school
- Seek parental consultation on key issues in the school
- Ensure parents and carers *'feels supported and valued'*. The Avanti Way-Spiritual Insight

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**The Avanti Way**