
Activity 1

Involving all parents at your schools

Purpose

To measure where you are now in involving all parents. This activity can be repeated later to measure progress and to consider how you achieved this.

Who will be involved

- Parent Council
- Other agencies
- School staff
- Students

Work in pairs

Step 1

On a scale of 0-5, where would you say you are now in relation to involving parents?

0 = lot of room for improvement

5 = things are exactly how parents want them

Why have you decided on this rating?

Make a list of the different ways parents are involved in supporting their child's learning

Step 2

Where on the scale would you like to get to?

What needs to change to move up to where you want to be?

What kinds of things do parents, students and staff need to be doing to reach this score?

What difference will this make to students, parents and the school?

Step 3

After working in pairs share your scores with others in the group on a blank 0-5 scale to get an overall picture

Step 4

Share views on why you think you are where you are on the scale and what you could do to improve. Plan out the action that is needed to reach where you want to be – keep this realistic and achievable.

Carry out this exercise again 6 to 12 months later to assess the progress achieved.

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