



What is
Parents In
Partnership?

Stanbridge Primary School **Parents In Partnership (PIP) – Information for Parents/Carers**

At Stanbridge Primary School we aim to work closely with parents and carers to achieve the best outcomes for all children.

We nurture and develop children's love of learning through an inclusive, innovative and creative school environment. This ethos permeates all aspects of school life, developing confident and respectful learners. We value the importance of being at the heart of the local community, linking school and families.

In order to work towards ensuring this becomes a reality, various actions or procedures have been instigated. One initiative is the setting up of a "Parents In Partnership" group. We genuinely wish to seek, and take account of, parent's views and involve them as much as possible in life and work of the school. Research has shown that children behave better and achieve more when their parents/carers are involved in their education. Concerns can be resolved more quickly when parents/carers have a good relationship with the school.

We feel that it is important that parents have a forum where they can express their views, know that they can make a difference, and learn more about how the school operates. The PIP group will be a place for parents/carers to learn more about the school and a place for the school to learn more about parents/carers.

Membership of the PIP Group

- At least one named parent/carer representative from each year group in order to ensure a "core group" is established (preferably one parent/carer per class)
- Partner Headteacher/Assistant Headteacher (In HT absence)
- A governor (on a rota basis at each meeting)
- Parent Link Teaching Assistant

The Chair of the Governing Body will have an open invitation to meetings. Other members of staff and governors will be invited to meetings as appropriate. Any parent /carer is welcome to attend meetings in addition to the named year representatives/core group. Meetings will be chaired by the Partner Headteacher or Assistant Headteacher.

Core Purpose

The PIP group will:

- Minute all meetings and make them available to all parents/carers via the school website.
- Report back to the Governing Body of the school through a Governor attending the meetings.
- Be involved in identifying priorities for the School Development Plan.
- Advise the school on parental views.
- Be a forum through which the school consults parents.
- Make recommendations (this may be in relation to developing policies, procedures, protocols etc) to the Partner Head Teachers, Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body.
- Complement the Governing Body and PTA (not be a replacement for them).
- Not be the forum for complaints about individual teachers, pupils, parents or individual issues, (these should be raised with the Headteacher).
- Meet termly – six times a year (dates and times to vary each term)
- Help to ensure communication between parents/carers and the school is the best it can be.
- Review the impact of its work annually.