

Parental engagement @ Firrhill



September 2023 update : Working towards the launch of a new parental engagement strategy in May/June '24

Aims of Strategy:

1. To improve pupil outcomes in the broadest sense (attainment, achievement, health and wellbeing)
2. To increase parents' self confidence in supporting learning at home (self efficacy)
3. To increase opportunities for parents to work together (social capital)

This year we are piloting 6 key activity areas in line with our aims:



“The more parents and young people talk about what they are learning the better the young people achieve” Desforges and Abouchaar (2003)

“The importance of the home influence, extending to parental expectations and aspirations, should not be underestimated” (Dimmock, 2012)

“Parental Engagement is one of the best levers schools have for improvement” (Goodall and Harris, 2008), related to “higher pupil performance” (Freedman, 2011)

“Parental Engagement that has the strongest relationship with attainment includes displaying enthusiasm for learning, encouraging good study habits” (Hattie, 2008)