



In Aberdeenshire we recognise that

Parents are the single most important Influence on their children's development, learning and achievement.

Aberdeenshire Council is committed to building a climate of trust through genuine and honest engagement and collaboration to:

- Ensure parents are supported to be fully involved in the life and work of their children's early learning setting or school
- encourage and support collaborative partnerships between practitioners, parents and families
- Get the right support in place so parents can engage in their child's learning.

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Parents as Partners



The term "parent" refers to anyone with parental responsibility - ie parents or carers

Partnership working

In Aberdeenshire we are committed to improve the quality and extent of parents involvement in their child's learning. The recent consultation on our Parental Involvement and Engagement Strategy showed that the majority of parents value their relationship with the school and are committed to be even more engaged for both their own children and the general good of the school. To have these good relationships, however, it is important that we each understand the different roles parents, teachers and the wider community have in making sure we have schools where all young people can attain and achieve.

Ensuring we use our resources wisely, particularly how we deploy our staff and budgets is a key function of the Education Authority. To do this we have a number of policies and guidelines - some national and some local which we must use to fulfill this function.

Head Teachers are expected and empowered to make decisions about their school based on these policies and their professional judgement. If there is an individual issue in your school we will make clear the policy which supports/informs the Head Teachers' decisions.

What you can expect from us:

- A positive school ethos and high expectations
- Effective, clear and respectful communication
- A commitment to do our very best and strive to get it right for every child in our community within existing resources
- A commitment to work with parents and other professionals to ensure that together we can support your child to achieve their best
- We will operate within Aberdeenshire Council's policies and guidance taking account of parental rights and responsibilities.



What we expect from you:

- Support the school's ethos and expectations
- Effective, clear and respectful communication
- A realistic understanding that schools need to support all their young people within the constraints of available resources
- That you will work with us and other agencies to support your child to achieve their best
- Your support and understanding of our policy framework and professional standards.

