

Portlethen Academy Parental Engagement Policy Summary

Rationale

At Portlethen Academy we consider parents as our partners in empowering our young people to become the best they can be. We aim to be open and approachable and foster an ethos of trust and respect amongst ourselves, our pupils and with their families.

We would wish to promote Portlethen Academy values within our community with staff, pupils and parents:

- Learn and improve
- Get Involved
- Think of the consequences
- Respect all

General Information about our policies, curriculum, transitions and support.

We provide information to parents through a variety of media including our website, newsletters, by email and text. We also have a school Twitter feed which aims to give a window into activities in school.

We have recently moved to email as our preferred method of communicating general information.

Parents can:

- Ensure your contact details are up to date and let us know if you are having trouble accessing school information.

Information events in school

As part of our annual calendar of events we organise information sessions for parents and their children at particular transition points such as coming into S1, course choice and moving into the Senior Phase.

Parents can:

- Come along to these events when you can and please give us feedback on their timing and content.

Communication about progress and wellbeing

Through our reporting and interventions procedures, we regularly inform parents about pupils' performance and progress.

Parents are also invited to attend a parents' evening each session to discuss their child's progress with class teachers. Appointments are now booked by parents through our online booking system.

If we have concerns about your child's progress or wellbeing at any time we will contact you to discuss the best way forward either by phone or by inviting you to meet with us in school.

Parents can:

- Discuss your child's report with them and contact your child's guidance teacher with any questions or concerns.
- Make appointments with your child's teachers at Parents' Evening to discuss their progress in that subject and how you and their teacher can support them to overcome any challenges.
- If you have concerns about your child's progress or wellbeing at school at any time, it is important that you bring these to the attention of your child's Guidance Teacher so that we can find the best way to provide support.

Celebrating your child's successes

As well as encouragement and recognition of progress towards targets by subject staff, Guidance and Year Heads, we celebrate achievements through our regular House Assemblies, Behaviour Awards and annual Achievement Ceremonies. From last session we have held our Senior Achievement Ceremony in the evening to allow parents to attend.

Parents can:

- Model an interest in learning and an appreciation of its value at home.
- Encourage your child to persevere and to believe that they can improve in their learning.
- Encourage your child to pursue extra-curricular interests and let us know about achievements out with school.

Listening to Parent Views

Every year we conduct an extensive parent survey and gather data on parent views on a number of issues. This forms part of our improvement planning going forward.

We also hold a database of parents who have indicated a willingness to be part of focus groups to discuss areas for improvement in more depth and aim to hold these each session.

Parents can:

- Look out for our Prefects at Parents' Evening who will direct you to the survey. If you are unable to attend you can complete the survey through our website.
- We are happy at any time to take comments from parents on things we could improve or things we are doing well. Please get in touch with your ideas.

Homework

Information on your child's completion of homework is provided through our reporting procedures and also by Guidance teachers or subject staff should there be a particular concern. Parents are provided with a login for our online homework platform, Show my Homework, which allows you to track the homework your child has been given and whether it has been completed.

We have in recent years held subject sessions where parents can see the kinds of homework pupils are given and subject staff give advice on how best to support your child.

Parents can:

- Provide a quiet space for your child to complete homework and encourage them to prioritise time for this.
- Talk to your child about their homework and reinforce the importance of going over work learned in class as well as completing formal homework.
- Let us know if your child is having difficulty accessing homework.

Family Learning

School staff provide opportunities whereby parents and their children can take part in learning activities together. These have included CLD transition evenings, and classroom tours as well as sessions provided by faculties.

Parents can:

- Look out for information on Family Learning and consider getting involved.

Parent Council

We have a long standing Parent Council that meets regularly throughout the year and is involved in appointment of DHTs, in formulation of policy and in commenting on policy and practice as part of our self-evaluation. They have also raised significant funds which staff can bid into and which have supported pupil activities.

Parents can:

- If you would like to attend parent council please click here for a list of this session's dates:
Link to calendar
- To contact the parent council, please email Portlethen academy for the attention of parent council chair.

Student: _____

Teacher: _____

Grade: 10

Subjects	1st semester		2nd semester		Final Grade
	Grade	Effort	Grade	Effort	
ENGLISH					
MATH	B	2	B	2	B
HISTORY	C	2	B	2	C+
SCIENCE	B	2	B+	1	B+
LANGUAGE	C	2	C+	2	C+
	C+	2	B-	2	B-
	A	1	A	1	A
ARTS	A	1	A	1	A
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	B	2	B	2	B
	A	1	A	1	
	B	2	B	2	

