

4. Decision making

We will create opportunities for parents' views to be heard and for you to be included in the decisions that directly affect your child's learning and wellbeing. This includes contributing to School Improvement, the allocation of Pupil Equity Funding or becoming part of an Aberdeenshire group on Parental Engagement.

All parents have the opportunity to get involved in their Parent Council and support collaborative working with their child's school.

It will also include getting your feedback from a national parent census so we can find out from you how we are doing. (Goal A, B, C, K, L and M)

5. Volunteering

There are many benefits to volunteering – you share your time, skills and knowledge to enhance the learning and teaching in school. You also get an insight into how your child's school works and can develop new skills which can benefit your own learning and development. Our website has details of how you can volunteer in your school. (Goal E)

6. Collaboration with the Community

Every community in Aberdeenshire is unique and has a variety of resources to support and strengthen opportunities for children and families. We aim to make it clearer to families what community resources there are and how these can be accessed. (Goal F)



For more information see links below.

Aberdeenshire website

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers>

Live Life Aberdeenshire

<https://www.livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk/>

Community Learning and Development website

<https://aberdeenshireclservice.wordpress.com/>

Parental Involvement and Engagement Strategy - a summary



Aberdeenshire Parental Involvement and Engagement Summary Leaflet

Aberdeenshire Council is committed to supporting and encouraging parents to be actively involved in their child's learning. Aberdeenshire Council have developed a Parental Involvement and Engagement Strategy and Action Plan 2018-2021 "Learning together in Aberdeenshire" It can be found at <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers>

Parental Involvement and Engagement in Aberdeenshire is based on the following principles:

- Parents play an important part in their child's learning
- Learning happens in the home, school and the community
- There are different ways to learn and different paces of learning
- We can learn from one another
- Family Learning supports learning that takes place at school
- Working together makes a positive difference to a child's learning
- Relationships between families, schools and other educational providers are based on mutual trust and respect



Why get involved in your child's learning?

The involvement and engagement of parents in their children's learning is recognised as a key element in raising aspirations and outcomes for young people through support, help and encouragement given at home and whilst at school.

How can you get involved?

Parents have a key role and responsibility in working together with the school for the benefit of their children's education. Some ways to get involved are:

- attending school/community events on how to support your child with learning
- participating in school events
- communicating with the school about your child's health and wellbeing and progress
- volunteering in the classroom
- getting involved in the life of the school -sharing your skills, time and interests
- becoming part of the Parent Council or PTA

How will we support you?

Aberdeenshire Council's Parental Involvement and Engagement Strategy identifies areas where parents, schools and the community can work together to enhance parental engagement in children's learning.

We have organised them in six areas and listed the links to the action plan for each one.

1. Communication

Effective communication is a key to building good relationships. We will make sure all our communications is clear and in plain English with no jargon and provided in an accessible format.



Aberdeenshire Council will develop a series of factsheets for parents on a range of subjects and provide training, resources and support for schools on improving communication with parents. (Goal C, Goal D)

2. Supporting Parents

Being a parent is an important job and one that can be very demanding. We will work with you to access information, services and resources that support you as a parent or family. Aberdeenshire Council's website will be amended to make it easier for parents to quickly find the information they need. (Goal D)

3. Sharing Learning – Home, School and Community

As a parent you need to understand what your child is learning and how they learn so you can offer the appropriate support at home. We will increase the opportunities to share in your child's learning through a range of Learning at Home and Family Learning activities offered in the community and school. We will support our teachers and practitioners to develop their skills in parental engagement (Goal E, F, G, H, J)