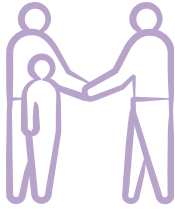




Leading Parent Partnership Award - LPPA



'At the age of seven parental influence on learning is six times that of the school. At the age of eleven or twelve parental influence is 30 percent greater than that of the school. At no point does the school have the greater influence.' Professor Charles Desforges, 2003

Research shows that when parents/carers are involved, children do better and achieve more.

Parents, carers and family members are by far the most important influences on their child's lives. By becoming involved in the life of your child's school you can show your child that their education is important to you.

What can families do to help Walton Oak School achieve the award?

- Read all newsletters, letters and publicity we send out.
- Come along to events we organise if you are able to.
- Complete any questionnaires or feedback forms we send out as honestly as you can.

What is the Leading Parent Partnership Award?

At Walton Oak we are always striving to develop and improve our links with parents. We are keen to improve communication with parents and the community, support parents and children to extend their learning and to encourage a greater input and more involvement of parents in the wider life of the school.

Therefore, over the next year, we shall be working towards achieving a national award - Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA). You can find out more about the Leading Parent Partnership Award via the LPPA website: www.lppa.co.uk

What does the school have to do to achieve the award?

This award consists of ten evidence-based objectives, in which the school:

1. Demonstrates a commitment to work towards the LPPA.
2. Makes and implements effective plans to achieve and maintain the LPPA.
3. Is a welcoming and friendly place for parents.
4. Promotes the awareness of and participation of all parents in supporting their children's learning and developing their own learning.
5. Holds and actively promotes enrichment activities for joint parent/child participation.
6. Provides good induction for new parents.
7. Provides parents with relevant, user-friendly guidance and information to help them support their children's learning.
8. Produces and implements parent-friendly policies to establish effective home school-links and improve children's attendance, punctuality, behaviour and progress.
9. Provides good support for parents as their children leave school.
10. Summarises its achievements against the LPPA and outlines future plans.

Why is parent partnership so important?

The benefits for children are:

- It is easier for children to learn when they receive encouragement at home.
- They will do better and achieve more when their parents are involved.
- Their concerns can be sorted out quicker when their parents have a positive relationship with school staff.
- They are happy when their parents are enjoying events in the school.

When children see their parents or other family members getting involved in the school, it:

- Shows them you are interested in what the school is doing.
- Allows them to see that you value what they are learning.
- Gives them a sense of security.
- Helps them to learn about good citizenship from your example.

The benefits for parents are:

- Their children do better when they are involved.
- They are better able to help and encourage their children.
- They have more information about their child's education.
- Parents can build their own confidence and skills.
- Parents get reassurance that their children are receiving a good education.

Parents will also:

- Get to know the teachers and other parents.
- Gain a better understanding of how the school works.
- See how their child relates to other children and teachers.
- Have the satisfaction of knowing that they are making a contribution to the school and to their and other children's learning.

The benefits for school are:

- Parents have opportunities to share ideas about how the school can best support their children.
- The school will develop a better understanding of parents and the community.