



Headteacher Blog

2nd July 2021 – Parents are a child's first and most important teachers.

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have enjoyed lots of individual parent visits into school.

These visits which take place in the summer term are a great opportunity for us to share with you a little piece of school life and celebrate your child's achievements.

The children love seeing you come into school, they are so excited and proud to show you what they can do.

Parents are a major influence on a child's success in life. ... and while estimates vary, somewhere between 75% and 85% of a child's waking hours are spent outside the influence of school. Parental engagement in the educational development of their children improves attainment more than any other single factor.

This is why it is so important that schools work in partnership with their parents, from a child's first days at school right through to when they leave. When schools and parents listen to each other and work together, they have a really positive impact on attainment and student well-being.

The term "parental engagement" is a broad one and covers many ways parents can get involved in their child's school life. It includes:

- What parents do at home to help their child succeed at school
- Supporting children to attend and learn at school every day
- Parents being involved in their child's school - attending consultations evenings, responding to surveys, volunteering their time and talents (including on the PTA or parent council), helping in the classroom or becoming a governor or trustee.

Giving parents a voice - a say on school matters and involvement in decision-making on issues that affect them - enables schools to meet the needs of the communities they serve more effectively. Most school policies have a direct impact on families and so those families' views should be taken into account to ensure maximum effectiveness.

For this to happen, it is vital that governors and school leaders create an open and welcoming culture, providing multiple opportunities for mums, dads and carers to participate.

Reaching out to **all** parents, making sure they know how important they are and how they can best support their child is one of the most important tasks for a school.

So there are lots of reasons why the summer term visits are important to us at Delamere. Please let your teacher know if you have not yet arranged your visit to school and would like to do so before we finish on 23rd July.

In addition, I currently have two vacancies for Parent Governors at Delamere.

A letter has been sent out with information about how to put yourself forward for one of these positions, but do please get in touch if you want to have a chat about the role or speak to one of our current school Governors.

Take care until next week,

Sally Burston

