

Keeping you involved

Research shows that good links between you and your child's school improve their **enjoyment** and chances of **doing well**. The more you know about what your child is learning, the more you can offer support. We try hard to **involve you** in your child's education. We do this in two main ways:

- by keeping you informed about **how and what** your child is **learning** – ie the curriculum, teaching methods, tests, and changes to the education system
- by keeping you informed about your child's **individual progress**

Ways to keep in touch

We provide parents with a **report** on their child's progress once a year. You'll also be invited to attend at least two **parent-teacher meetings** during the year.

We also keep you informed about other issues – eg after-school clubs, dinner money, outings – **letters** will be sent home with your children, and/or emailed. We regularly use text messages to communicate information – eg school closures and other reminders.

Absence

You'll need to contact the school if your child is **absent** because of **illness** or a **hospital appointment**. If your child doesn't turn up and you haven't explained why, school operates a first day response system and will telephone you to make sure they are safe.

Parent-teacher meetings at school

At parent-teacher meetings you can meet your child's class teacher to find out how they're doing. At **primary schools**, your child doesn't usually come with you, however, they are always welcome if child care arrangements are difficult. Their teacher will give you an outline of what your child is learning and how well they're keeping up. You'll be able to see recent examples of their work. The appointment will usually be for ten minutes and during the early evening.

