

Bowerham School: Parent Engagement Offer Throughout the Year

Transition Week – Supporting a Smooth Start

When: Final week of the summer term

Purpose: To help children feel confident and prepared for the new academic year.

During Transition Week, children spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher and teaching assistant. This allows them to:

- Familiarise themselves with their new environment, timetable, and routines.
- Build relationships with their new teaching team.

Additional Support:

- Children and parents receive a 'Welcome to the Year Group' video and Summer Holiday Challenges to keep learning fun and engaging.
- Staff review CPoms records, attend handover meetings, and update the Overview of Needs to ensure all staff are fully informed about individual children's requirements.

This thorough process helps alleviate any worries before the summer holidays and ensures a positive start in September.

Parent Communication and Contact

Daily Contact:

- A member of staff and SLT is available on the gate each morning for brief messages.
- Teachers are available at the end of the day for informal chats. Teachers do not always have another member of staff to see the children out so you may have to wait for all the children to go.

Communication Platforms:

- Communication Diary
- Tapestry
- Showbie
- School email addresses for direct communication with teachers

Reports and Meetings:

- **Termly Reports** – Parents receive a report on their child's progress every term.
- **ILP Meetings** – For children with Individual Learning Plans, there are four dedicated meetings each year.
- **Parent Consultations** – Held twice a year (autumn and spring), with the option to request a follow-up meeting after the final summer report.

School Office Hours:

Open from **8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** daily for additional support and information.

News and Updates:

- Weekly newsletters provide key information.
- Our **Parent App** ensures timely messages and reminders.
- Regular updates are shared on our **Facebook, Instagram**, and the **school website**.

Drop-in Sessions:

SLT and Governors hold half-termly drop-in sessions (second week of each half-term) for parents to raise concerns, ask questions, or seek clarification on school policies.

Parent Questionnaire:

We value your feedback! Each year, we gather your thoughts through our annual questionnaire. Key themes and actions are shared via our **'feedback and response'** document to highlight how we have responded to your suggestions.

Parental Engagement – Events Throughout the Year

Autumn Term

- September – Parent Consultations (Teams or ILP meetings)
- September – Open Day
- September – SLT Open Morning
- October – Harvest Festival Assembly
- October – Spooky Bingo
- November – SLT Drop-in Session
- November – Remembrance Assembly
- December – Christmas Performance
- December – Christmas Quiz
- December – End of Term Report
- December – 'The Voice' School Newspaper

Spring Term

- February – Parent Consultations (Teams and face-to-face)
- February – Valentine's Disco
- April – Easter Bingo
- April – Open Morning
- April – End of Term Report

Summer Term

- May – Sports Day
 - June – Summer Fair
 - July – Sportsman Dinner
 - July – End of Year Reports
 - July – End of Year Assembly
 - July – Transition Week
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Enrichment at Home

Our **Learn it, Know it** initiative offers engaging home learning activities designed to reinforce classroom learning and promote curiosity beyond school hours. Additionally, our **Enrichment Document** supports pre-learning and further extends knowledge, especially

for topics that children may have limited experience with. This resource encourages curiosity and helps children build a deeper understanding of new subjects.

We are committed to working closely with parents to create the best possible learning experience for every child. Thank you for your continued support!