



Education Resources

# **Making a difference**

**Working together to support  
children's learning**

## *Strategy for Parental Involvement*

### **Summary**



Working together to improve the quality  
of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire

Council Plan: Connect 2007



## Parental Involvement Strategy

The aim of the strategy is to improve both the quality and extent of parents' involvement in children's learning. Working together we can make a difference to children's learning.

- Parents, carers and families are the most important influence on children's attitudes, behaviour and achievement and effective parental involvement will support this in a positive way.
- Parents, carers, pupils and staff are partners in the education process, each with a distinctive role to play.
- The involvement of parents/carers in education is recognised as a crucial element in raising attainment, through the support, help and encouragement given to children in the home.
- Parental involvement must be inclusive and should encourage participation by all parents, carers and families.



## Working together

Teachers, parents and pupils working together can and will make a difference to children's learning.

This can be achieved by:

- providing information to parents/carers about what their child is learning and advice on how to support their child's learning;
- having an inclusive approach to parental involvement;
- building successful partnerships that make parents feel they have a role to play in enhancing learning;
- providing opportunities for parents to become involved in out-of-school learning activities;
- identifying opportunities for parents to come together at school level and learning community level to share ideas and practice.



## What is it we are trying to achieve?

We wish to give parents/carers every opportunity to become more involved in their child's education.

Parents/carers should be :

- welcomed and given an opportunity to be involved in the life of the school;
- fully informed about their child's education and learning;
- encouraged to make an active contribution to their child's learning;
- able to support learning at home;
- aware of their responsibility for the education and welfare of their child;
- aware of the aims and ambitions of the school;
- encouraged to express their views and involved in forums and discussions on education related issues.

## How will we know what we have achieved?

Education Resources wants to make sure that the Parental Involvement Strategy makes a difference to children's learning. The aim of the strategy is to give as many parents as possible the opportunity to support their child's education in partnership with Education Resources in South Lanarkshire Council

Parents will have the opportunity to tell us what they think about our partnerships with parents.

We also want to hear your views through a planned programme of surveys of parents, staff and pupils.

This will take the form of asking questions to help identify and share things that are good as well as areas for improvement.

## You can contact us on:

[parents@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:parents@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)  
or telephone 01698 454450

## Useful sources:

- The Scottish Schools (Parental Involvement Act) 2006
- South Lanarkshire Council website:  
[www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk)
- Parental Involvement Toolkit
- South Lanarkshire Parental Involvement Toolkit
- Making the Difference – Leaflets
- [www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk](http://www.parentzonescotland.gov.uk)

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