

Upland Primary School

'Working Together, Learning Together, Achieving Together'



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Upland Parent Partnership

Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In 2015, Upland Parent Partnership (UPP) was launched. For a number of reasons, there were limited meetings held last year; however the school are keen for the Parent Partnership to become active again and involve all our new parents this year, so that we can work in collaboration.

The Aims of the Upland Parent Partnership

- Improve communication between school, parents and the Governing Board (GB)
- Promote involvement of parents in school and assist parents to support their children
- Enable parents to come together to discuss and share their ideas
- Give parents a voice to put their views forward to school leaders and the governing board enabling them to make a difference.

How does the Upland Parent Partnership work?

Each class has an elected representative tasked with gathering the parent views and opinions of the pupils in that class and these views will then be fed back at Termly Parent Partnership meetings. The forum chair organises one meeting per term. The UPP is able to invite members of staff to their meetings to present and the SLT and GB have an opportunity to add items to the agenda. A governor is present at every meeting to support and advise the reps and ensure that all discussions are focussed.

If the topic allows, letters are sent to every parent/carer requesting their thoughts on the upcoming topics, which are also available on the school website and parent mail. Parents can feed-in through their class representatives in person or by email. Minutes are published on the school website and successful outcomes highlighted. Alternatively, class representatives will approach parents about topics.

The Upland Parent Partnership is recognised as a consultative and advisory body to the governors, and the governing board is updated with a progress report at each full meeting. It gives governors a better understanding of how parents feel, and governors use the information obtained to assist in formulating the strategic direction of the school. Gaining an understanding of their child's education enables parents to be more involved and ultimately benefits their children.

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Existing and New Class Representatives

If parents are happy to continue as a class representative please email admin@upland.bexley.sch.uk indicating your wish to remain as class representative. If you feel that this is something that you would like to become involved in and could act as a class representative please also email, expressing your interest, the skill set you could bring and the name of the class you are wishing to represent. From experience, we found that each class really does benefit from having a representative. In addition to this, there can be benefits to having more than one representative per class.

Future Topics for the Upland Parent Partnership

Uniform Parent Surveys Themed and Curriculum Weeks Extra-Curricular Activities School Trips

We look forward to working closely together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B M
Head Teacher

Mr John Browning
Chair of Governors

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