



Early Years Foundation Stage Home/School Partnership

At Gorsemoor, we are committed to providing the best learning opportunities for all of our children. We firmly believe that this is best achieved through a positive relationship between the child, parents and school. By working together we hope to promote a happy and rewarding education for your child. We want to ensure that they have an enjoyable time and a sound foundation for lifelong learning.

We develop home school links in the following ways:

Parent Partnership Calendar

During the early part of the autumn term, parents are invited to '*Stay and Play*' sessions during which you can also talk to your child's class teacher about how your child is settling in. We also provide a series of workshops to help parents to find out more about Nursery or Reception and ways in which they can help their child. A tracking report is also sent out in the later part of the term giving you an overview of your child's progress. You will also be invited to watch the Christmas Nativity or carols in Nursery.

In the spring term you will receive another tracking report and we hold a more formal Parent Consultation, giving you the opportunity to see your child's work and talk about the progress they are making. We also invite parents into school to join in with school activities.

In the summer term, parents are again invited to join in with school activities. At the end of the year you will receive a final written report and you will also be invited to our open evening.

Keeping in Touch

We have an open door policy and staff are always available to answer any questions that you may have. If you wish to speak to us, we are always available to talk at the end of each day.

Important messages can be given briefly at the start of each session or you may leave a message at the school office, which will be passed on to us. Please keep us informed of any changes in circumstances that may affect the behaviour or mood of your child.

Notice Board

Just outside the Reception double doors is a notice board that provides important information. Please get into the habit of checking this notice board. We will also display photographs of children taking part in activities. This encourages your child to talk to you about what they have done at school.

Parental Contributions

Parents will receive a newsletter at the start of each new topic explaining what your child is learning in school and suggestions of activities for you to continue with at home. We understand that parents are a child's primary educator and therefore we value any contribution that you make. Any activities that you can do at home with your child will greatly enhance their learning. We actively encourage parents to send in their child's work, to be included as part of their 'Learning Journey'. This gives your child chance to share their achievements with their peers and informs our planning.

We also want to hear about achievements at out-of-school clubs like swimming or football.

Parents are given a *WOW* postcard and can send this into school for display, when their child does something that they are particularly proud of such as riding a bike without stabilisers or being brave at the dentist.