

Home School Links and Community Links

'A Family of Learning'

There is a mutual respect between staff and parents and both work in partnership for the good of the children. This partnership shows itself in the high attendance at parents' evenings and support with homework and other school events and family learning opportunities.

The school recently achieved the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) in December 2018 which is awarded for three years. Strengths identified during verification included:

'There is definitely a consistent commitment from all staff and governors across the school that was echoed through the stakeholder conversations highlighting how parental engagement is central to daily practice.'

'The partnership ethos where parents, staff and support agencies work together and the whole child and family are taken into account when developing individualised provision was evident through the evidence and conversations undertaken at the Final Verification. Building positive relationships with parents is integral to the services supported through the school in partnership with external agencies to enable holistic provision.'

'Work has been undertaken to enable the Community to be part of the delivery of activities that may support parents to develop their own learning as well as the family learning and enrichment provision available on site – this will continue to develop and evolve.'

'Taking part in the LPPA has enabled Ballifield Primary to be more reflective. They have used the framework as an audit tool that has as recognised areas of good practice and highlighted development points in a structured manner. Following evaluations relevant feedback is now provided to parents to show that their voice in the school is valued and acted upon.'

The LPPA has ensured that as a school we have been more evaluative in all of our correspondence with parents. We have carefully considered the thoughts of our stakeholders before making decisions and we now ensure that parents are informed of their feedback and how it will be used. The action plan and evaluations within the LPPA now lead our practice and identify the key areas for development as we continue our journey to strengthen relationships between home and school.

The school also has purposeful links with our global community through our link with Students in the State of Georgia, USA. Students visit Ballifield every year where they engage in teaching and supporting pupils across school to widen and enhance their teaching experiences.

