



## Overview

Effective parental engagement is a crucial ingredient in both academic and social success, especially for our most vulnerable pupils. Cornwall Council's Together for Families Directorate, supported by Parent Carer Cornwall, have developed a framework and toolkit to promote the partnership between pupils, parents, and school to help create a culture of mutual collaboration to support all learners to succeed. ***This Framework and Toolkit is now free to all education settings in the Duchy from September 2024.*** Schools can use the Framework to support their partnership work with parent carers.

All education settings will be invited to an online community of practice meeting once per term free of charge to share and develop practice. If you have not received your copy yet, then please contact the school effectiveness team [schooleffectiveness@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooleffectiveness@cornwall.gov.uk)

## The Framework

This resource is designed to be a working document that supports education settings in the development of a parent carer engagement strategy and to be central to the work they do to raise aspirations and achievement. The resource includes:

- A framework based on principles and criteria for building the education setting's approach, structured around seven themes.
- A 'selection box' of practical resources and references that education settings can select from to support meeting the identified principles.

### Customer feedback

*"The dedicated time we have given to a focus on parental engagement as part of whole school development has been crucial in developing stronger relationships and a sense of belonging in our community. The framework has really supported us in reflection of our practice and developing next steps for working more effectively with parents."*

*"This Framework has really supported us to create a shift in emphasis, away from the relationship between parents and our schools, to a focus on the relationship between parents and their children's learning. Parent carer engagement has become more embedded in the school ethos and families are increasingly seen as partners in their child's education."*

### Support package

Education settings can **access support for the implementation** of their parental engagement strategy using the Framework and work towards a **Certificate of Recognition** that demonstrates evidence of impact of their partnership with parents. This programme can be accessed through service for schools <https://schools.cornwall.gov.uk> at a cost of **£300**. The programme of support includes: -

- An opportunity to work with a member of the school effectiveness to support the action planning and delivery phase of the first year of the programme.
- Access to the parental engagement community of practice which includes resources on service for schools and a termly online meeting with other schools engaged with the Framework.

- Support for schools in producing a case study that demonstrates evidence of impact of the parental engagement work. Through a quality assurance visit from school effectiveness and ratification of the case study a Certificate of Recognition is awarded if the parental engagement principles have been met.

### Certificate of Recognition

For those schools that do not want to purchase the support package but wish to demonstrate and share the impact of their work on parental engagement using the Framework they can work towards a **Certificate of Recognition**. This will cost **£100** which includes guidance for the case study, a quality assurance visit from school effectiveness and the award of a Certificate of Recognition if the parental engagement principles have been met.

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