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PARENT ENGAGEMENT POLICY

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Introduction

At Newton International Academy (NIA), we recognise that parents and carers are central partners in children's education. We are committed to building strong, respectful and effective relationships with families to support pupils' learning, wellbeing and personal development across the whole school.

We believe that positive parent engagement contributes directly to improved outcomes, stronger school community relationships and a shared commitment to high standards.

Aims

This policy aims to:

- Promote strong partnerships between home and school.
- Support parents in understanding their child's learning and progress.
- Encourage active parental involvement in school life.
- Ensure clear, consistent and effective communication with families.
- Strengthen the school community through the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA).
- Support pupils' academic success, wellbeing and personal development.

Principles of Effective Engagement

At NIA, we believe that:

- Parents and carers are key partners in education.
- Communication should be regular, respectful and transparent.
- Engagement should support both academic progress and pastoral wellbeing.
- All families should have equal opportunities to participate in school life.
- Collaboration between home and school enhances pupil outcomes.

Communication with Parents

The school will communicate with parents through a variety of methods, including:

- Formal written reports issued termly.
- Parent-teacher meetings held each term.
- School-approved communication platforms (e.g. ClassDojo or equivalent).
- Emails, newsletters and school announcements.
- Curriculum evenings, workshops and information sessions.

- Informal daily communication where appropriate.

All communication will be professional, timely and focused on supporting pupil learning and wellbeing.

Termly Reports and Meetings

Parents will receive a written report at the end of each term detailing:

- Academic progress across subjects.
- Attainment levels.
- Strengths and achievements.
- Areas for development.
- Next steps in learning.

Following each report cycle, parents will be invited to attend a meeting with their child's class teacher to discuss progress, address concerns and agree strategies to support learning at home.

Supporting Learning at Home

The school encourages parents to support learning by:

- Reading regularly with their child.
- Supporting homework and curriculum activities.
- Encouraging positive routines and attendance.
- Reinforcing key skills such as literacy, numeracy and independent study habits.
- Attending school workshops and information sessions.

Teachers will provide appropriate guidance and resources to support home learning.

Parent Workshops and Events

The school will provide regular opportunities for parental involvement through:

- Curriculum workshops and subject information sessions.
- Phonics, reading and numeracy support sessions.
- Transition and examination guidance meetings.
- Celebration events, performances and exhibitions.
- Parent information evenings.

These events are designed to strengthen understanding of the curriculum and support effective home learning.

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) plays an important role in supporting the school community and enhancing the educational experience of pupils.

Purpose of the PTA

The PTA aims to:

- Strengthen relationships between parents, staff and the wider school community.
- Support school events and community activities.

- Raise funds to enhance learning resources and facilities.
- Promote a positive and inclusive school culture.

Roles and Responsibilities

The PTA may:

- Organise and support school events and fundraising activities.
- Contribute ideas to support school improvement and enrichment.
- Work in collaboration with school leadership to plan community initiatives.

School Support for the PTA

The school will:

- Support the planning and delivery of PTA activities.
- Ensure all PTA events follow safeguarding and health and safety procedures.
- Provide guidance to ensure events are inclusive, safe and appropriate.
- Encourage broad parental participation.

All PTA activities must align with school policies, including safeguarding, behaviour, and health and safety requirements.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if required. The effectiveness of parent engagement will be evaluated through feedback, participation levels and its impact on pupil outcomes and school improvement.

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