

DIRECTORS' REPORT SPRING TERM 2019	ITEM NO 8	FOR INFORMATION/ ACTION	ATTENTION OF: Primary governors
TITLE	Family School Partnership Award		
SUMMARY	Do you want to improve the way your school works in partnership with families to deliver better outcomes for your pupils? Find out more about how the Family School Partnership Award (FSPA) can support your school.		
KEY ACTION POINTS	Book a place on the FSPA launch event on 8 May 2019 to find out more about how your school could benefit.		
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The Family School Partnership Award (FSPA) supports schools to review their whole school approach to working with families in the widest sense, identify areas where they would like to see positive change and put in place actions to effect this change. The School Partnerships and Enrichment Team have been awarded funding from John Lyons Charity to enable us to offer this award and the comprehensive training and support package FREE to schools in Ealing, Harrow and Brent.

The Family Partnership Model

The Family Partnership Model aligns the different aspects of schools' work with parents and families under five key themes, with an overarching theme of monitoring and evaluation cutting across all areas:

Theme 1: Fostering effective family-school partnerships

Theme 2: Communicating and consulting effectively

Theme 3: Enabling parental engagement in learning

Theme 4: Empowering parents and carers to develop their own skills

Theme 5: Supporting successful transitions

The process will support schools to review their provision from the view point of senior leaders, teaching staff, support staff, governors and parents.

Feedback from schools

"I would thoroughly recommend to other schools participating in the FSPA process. It is extremely well structured and supported and can be hugely beneficial to both the school and parents."

"We would definitely tell other schools how positive the process has been; it has provided opportunities to meet with staff from other schools and discuss the similarities in our struggles with parental engagement and effective ways they have been tackled."

Evidence of impact

In Summer 2017 13 schools successfully completed the award, they highly valued the support, guidance and training provided by the team and reported huge positive changes across a wide range of areas relating to parental engagement including, better relationships with vulnerable families and community groups; increased staff confidence to build positive relationships with parents; more parents reporting

that the school makes as effort to understand their needs and huge increases in attendance at parent events.

This year 26 more schools across Ealing and Harrow are working towards the award and are currently delivering a range of exciting work to effect positive change in their relationships with parents and families including:

- Establishing new ways to communicate with parents about progress and attainment
- Supporting families at key transition points in school life
- New and exciting methods to engage parents in supporting learning at home
- Targeted support to raise the attainment of vulnerable or disadvantaged pupils
- News ways of capturing parent voice and empowering parents to take an active part in improving school life
- Training school staff to increase their confidence to build positive relationships with parents and carers.

The Family Partnership Award process

1. Schools attend launch event, sign up to take part in the project and are provided with online or hard copy diagnostic tools.
2. Comprehensive results and analysis will be produced by the School Partnerships and Enrichment Team.
3. Schools will receive help to develop an action plan to effect change in identified areas.
4. A comprehensive toolkit will be provided to all schools taking part.
5. Schools will have access to a FREE training programme during 2019-20 to support them.
6. The awards will be made in Summer 2020 and a celebratory event and publication will showcase good practice.

To find out more:

Book your place on the Family School Partnership Award Launch Even, 8 May 2019, 8.45-10.45am (breakfast will be provided). Book through Ealing CPD Online

https://schools.ealingcpd.org.uk/courses/bookings/c_detail.asp?cid=14764 or by emailing lgiarraputo@ealing.gov.uk

Ideally this launch event should be attended by a senior leader as the award process will require a whole school commitment. However, schools may wish to send an additional member of staff who will lead the process – this would be an ideal project for an aspiring leader as it will enable them to demonstrate whole school impact.

If you have any questions or would like more information please do not hesitate to get in touch, we'd love to talk to you about the benefits of taking part for your school.