

Developing a Parent Council or Parent Forum

Half day workshop for senior leaders, teachers, governors, parents and local authority advisers
with Fiona Carnie

10 NOVEMBER 2011 – BRADFORD 27 APRIL 2012 – LONDON
25 NOVEMBER 2011 – BRIGHTON 22 JUNE 2012 – BATH
22 MARCH 2012 – NOTTINGHAM



*"Parental involvement is the
most powerful school improvement
lever that we have"*

DCSF Research Report RW004

Would your school like help with developing a parent council, parent forum or parent class meetings? Would you like to explore ways to build a genuine partnership with parents at your school?

When parents are involved in their child's learning and in the life of the school, children do better. Parental involvement is thus a key lever for school improvement. The Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on governing bodies of all maintained schools to have regard to the views expressed by parents of registered pupils. All schools are encouraged to review their arrangements in relation to this duty and to consider enhancing them by setting up a parent council. Ofsted inspects schools on the way in which they listen and respond to parents' views in the judgement on leadership and management.

This event for teachers, parents, senior leaders and governors will help schools develop an effective and valuable partnership with parents. It will cover:

- THE RIGHT STRUCTURE FOR YOUR SCHOOL
- REACHING UNINVOLVED PARENTS
- COMMUNICATION
- REPRESENTATION
- LEGAL REQUIREMENTS
- NEW IDEAS FOR INVOLVING PARENTS
- EVALUATING PROGRESS
- CASE STUDIES

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All schools need to work closely with parents to achieve the best outcomes for their pupils. Find out how your school or centre can harness the energy and commitment which parents can bring to shape their children's education and contribute to the overall progress of the school.

Fiona Carnie has extensive experience of setting up parent councils and parent forums having led a DCSF-funded project on this subject. She has written widely about innovative ways of involving parents including the *Parent Participation Handbook*, published by Optimus September 2011.

This workshop will begin at 9.30 and finish at 13.00. Cost £90 to include refreshments. Places are limited at each event and so you are advised to book early.

For further information contact: info@parentcouncils.co.uk tel 01225 460640

"There has been a transformation at the school" primary school parent
"This project is having a lasting effect. Relationships with parents have definitely improved" secondary teacher

BOOKING FORM

DEVELOPING A PARENT COUNCIL OR PARENT FORUM

NAME	ADDRESS
SCHOOL/ORGANISATION	
TEL NO	
EMAIL	

I would like to book _____ place(s) on the following workshop

- Thursday 10 November 2011: Midland Hotel, Forster Square, Bradford BD1
- Friday 25 November 2011: University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9QU
- Thursday 22 March 2012: National College of School Leadership, Triumph Road, Nottingham NG8 1DRH
- Friday 27 April 2012: Institute of Education, University of London, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL
- Friday 22 June 2012: The Francis Hotel, Queens Square, Bath BA1 2HH

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Please notify any special dietary requirements

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Travel details will be sent. Any cancellations within 14 days of the event will not be refunded