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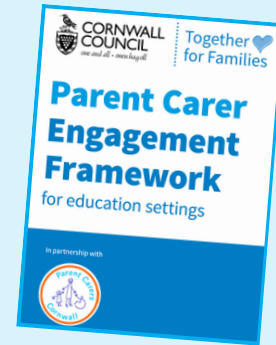
PARENT ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Cornwall's Parent Carer Engagement Framework supports education settings in building strong, equitable, and inclusive partnerships with families. It is structured around seven core principles, each with criteria, descriptors, and a toolkit of practical resources. The aim is to embed meaningful, two-way engagement that improves outcomes for all children—especially those most at risk of educational disadvantage.

WHAT?

The seven principles are:

1. A whole school approach
2. A welcoming school: culture, attitudes and approach
3. Communication
4. Support for learning
5. Community matters
6. Raising and realising aspiration
7. Addressing barriers to engagement



WHY?

Research consistently shows that parental engagement is one of the most powerful levers for school improvement and pupil success (Goodall, EEF). Strong engagement supports:

- Academic achievement (especially in literacy and maths)
- Emotional wellbeing and attendance
- Equity for disadvantaged and SEND pupils
- Inclusion and children's rights (UNCRC Articles 2, 3, 6, 12, 18, 28, 29)

In Cornwall, addressing regional attainment gaps, persistent absence, and disadvantage are key educational priorities. This framework provides a structured, sustainable, and rights-based approach to tackling these.

SEL?

- Embed family engagement into your whole-school improvement plan.
- Use the audit tools to assess and develop your current practice.
- Foster a culture of trust, respect, and inclusion with families.
- Create collaborative routines like “learning at home” partnerships and accessible parent events.
- Build staff capacity through training, reflection tools, and development opportunities.
- Ensure emotional safety and co-regulation extend beyond the classroom into the school-home relationship.
- Align your practice with principles from trauma-informed education, SEL, and equity frameworks.

FIND OUT MORE

- [Cornwall Parent Engagement Framework](#)
- **Book**
 - **The Four Pillars of Parental Engagement:** Empowering schools to connect better with parents and pupils by Justin Robbins and Karen Dempster. Shares practical solutions relating to school-parent engagement and communication based on insights gathered from some of the hardest-to-reach parents.
- **Article**
 - **[A whole-school approach to parental engagement: Two case studies](#)**, Headteacher Update, 3rd September 2024

SEE ALSO

- Children's Rights
- Right Respecting Schools