

CONTACT WITH PARENTS

Partnership between teachers and parents and the development of mutual trust are essential to a successful school. Communications between school and home include:

1. A newsletter which is normally issued to parents by hand of students on the first Thursday of each month during term time. Any items for inclusion should be given to the Headteacher.
2. Correspondence/telephone communication with parents should normally be the responsibility of the Achievement/Curriculum Leaders or Deputy Head.
3. Invitation for parents to come and discuss specific problems as they arise. Where there is reluctance or difficulty, the Educational Social Worker may be involved or a home visit arranged.
4. Reports which are issued as appropriate presenting a balance between the academic and social/personal achievement of the student.
5. Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings to discuss individual students' progress. Other evenings to which parents are invited include Open Evenings, Post-16 Opportunities, Year 9 Option choices and Year 7 Intake.
6. The child's Student Planner which parents are asked to sign every week making any relevant comments. Form Tutors also check these Planners on a regular basis.
7. Letters explaining any changes in arrangements affecting their children are sent to parents.
8. The Friends of Sherburn High School which exists to organise activities including social events, to strengthen links between staff and parents. The Friends has an active social programme and all members of staff are welcome to attend their meetings/functions.
9. Parent volunteers are invited to assist in school, particularly in connection with the Information Centre, the Careers Library, and school premises.