

Bankside Primary

Approach	How parents / carers have a voice and influence	What works well	Challenges faced
<p>A new approach was needed as three parent governors resigned in a three week period.</p> <p>The school council is well established and very successful and so the parent council was developed based on the same approach</p> <p>Established in May 2015. At the first meeting there were 5 parents, at the next there were 20+ and now have over 30 parents on the council.</p>	<p>Parents and carers on the group can set the topics for discussion / issues on agenda / themes for training or information sessions.</p> <p>Parents and carers not only raise issues but they get actively involved in tackling the issue e.g. parking around school.</p> <p>Parents and carers meet with local councillors to share their views on local issues that need tackling e.g. litter.</p> <p>Meetings are chaired by the Assistant Headteacher and all issues raised and discussed by parents and carers are included in the minutes which are circulated to all school staff .</p>	<p>Range of communication approaches Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Every school staff member gets the minutes of the meetings and so does the local Police Support Officer. -Reminder texts are sent to parents the day before and the same day and ask parents if any items for the agenda. -The parents have set up their own Whatsap group <p><i>"It's so great because it is informal and we can ask questions we really want to ask "</i></p> <p><i>" I feel I am contributing to my community".</i></p> <p><i>" It's important because we are interdependent on each other and so the kids connect us together Children have always had a connection with the school and teachers and this has helped us and now we have the connection too- its our school and the parent council bonded us to it"</i></p> <p><i>" I have grown in confidence, I never spoke and now I can confidently share my ideas. My children feel proud of me when they saw my name on the parent council letter."</i></p> <p><i>" I can be a parent on the parent council as on the governing body I felt I had to represent the school and so here I feel I can be more true to myself."</i></p>	<p>Meetings were initially once every half term but not enough so now they are monthly.</p>