



Parental Engagement Policy

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Policy Statement

At GEMS Wellington International School, we believe that effective parental engagement is a key driver of high-quality education and positive student outcomes.

This policy aligns with the WIS vision of nurturing our community, recognising the importance of parents as active contributors to school life, school improvement and student success.

At WIS:

- parents are integral partners in their child's learning, progress and wellbeing.
- parents understand how the different areas of their child's curriculum is delivered and how they can support learning at home.
- communication between home and school is open, regular and constructive.
- parents' views are sought, valued and used to inform school development.

Through this partnership, WIS aims to create a learning community where students are supported consistently at home and at school, enabling them to achieve high standards and be valued as unique individuals.

Aims of the Parental Engagement Policy

This policy aims to:

- ensure parents are actively engaged in their child's learning and school life.
- provide parents with clear information about curriculum expectations, assessment and progress.
- promote shared responsibility for students' academic progress, behaviour and wellbeing.
- create meaningful opportunities for parents to contribute to school improvement.
- build consistency between learning and behaviour expectations at home and school.

Our Commitment to Parents

GEMS Wellington International School is committed to:

- treating parents as valued partners and key stakeholders in the school community.
- providing clear, timely and accessible communication.
- creating welcoming, inclusive and respectful opportunities for parental involvement.
- listening to and acting upon parental feedback where appropriate.
- supporting parents with guidance, workshops and resources to enhance learning at home.

The Value of Parental Engagement

Research and best practice in high-performing schools show that effective parental engagement supports sustained student achievement and wellbeing. WIS understands that learning is most effective when supported beyond the classroom.

Effective parental engagement at WIS:

- supports strong progress and attainment across the curriculum.
- helps students develop positive learning behaviours and fortitude.
- strengthens communication and trust between home and school.
- ensures parents understand how learning is taught and assessed, enabling them to provide effective support at home.

Parental engagement at WIS is therefore viewed as an ongoing partnership, rather than a series of isolated events.

Parental Engagement Opportunities at WIS

Communication and Information Sharing

- Regular newsletters and whole-school communications that keep parents well informed about school life and priorities.
- Digital platforms and parent portals providing access to learning information, reports and key updates.
- Clear guidance on curriculum content, assessment and progress
- Timely communication regarding student progress, attendance and wellbeing.

Learning-Focused Engagement

WIS places a strong emphasis on learning-centred parental engagement:

- Curriculum Information Events that explain how subjects are taught, assessed and progressed across year groups.
- Workshops for Parents focused on supporting learning at home, including literacy, numeracy, wellbeing and digital safety.
- Celebrations of Learning – classroom engagements, exhibitions, assemblies and performances that showcase students' progress, outcomes and skills.

Consultation and Parental Voice

- Parents' Evenings, including opportunities for student involvement where appropriate, focused on progress, attainment and next steps.
- Parent surveys and feedback opportunities, with outcomes used to inform school improvement.
- Parent forums and information sessions that enable dialogue between parents and school leaders, such as Heads of School Coffee mornings.



Community Engagement

- School events, performances and cultural celebrations that build a strong sense of community.
- Coffee mornings, information sessions and parent workshops that encourage open communication.
- Opportunities for parents to contribute expertise, skills or experiences to enrich learning, especially in our Upper School.
- Engagement in charity, wellbeing and community initiatives that reflect shared values.

Roles and Responsibilities

The School

The school will:

- Create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all parents irrespective of nationality/cultural background.
- Communicate clearly and professionally.
- Provide opportunities for meaningful parental involvement.
- Respond to parental concerns in a timely manner.

Parents

Parents are encouraged to:

- Engage positively with the school and support its values and policies.
- Attend meetings, workshops and events where possible.
- Support learning and behaviour expectations at home.
- Communicate openly and respectfully with staff.

This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains effective, inclusive and aligned with the WIS vision and GEMS Education initiatives. Feedback from parents, staff and the wider school community will inform ongoing development.