

# Work with parents

Suggestions for working together with parents, caregivers, and whānau.

- ✓ Communicate and share information in a meaningful way, demonstrating understanding and support for parents' concerns.
- ✓ Value what parents and caregivers have noticed or assessments they have had done outside of school.
- ✓ Involve parents and caregivers in determining strategies to support student learning and well-being.
- ✓ Work with any programmes or materials they are using at home, to maximise consistency and support for the student.
- ✓ Develop systems for passing on information about a student's needs, progress, and next steps in ways that are meaningful.
- ✓ Share information about out-of-school programmes (for example, classes or groups for music, art, or sport).
- ✓ Actively and regularly communicate positive information and achievements to the family.
- ✓ Maintain a positive non-judgemental approach.
- ✓ Offer to meet parents/caregivers at a location of their choosing.
- ✓ Continue to invite parents to meet even if they refuse or don't respond. Suggest parents invite a family member or friend for support at meetings.
- ✓ Provide a single contact person at the school for parents.

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