



OAFCCD *Parents As Partners*

Fact Sheet # 5

Hot Tips for Effective Communication

All parties share one common goal: To help you child

Communicate before the problem escalates into a monster

Teachers and Principals are humans, and they were once little kids in school too.

Don't talk business in school plays, barbeques, sports events or open houses.

When speaking to you child, or in front of your child, about the school and its staff, be positive.

Interdependence is the paradigm of we.

We can do it, we can cooperate, we can combine our talents and abilities and create something greater together.

Benefits of Two-Way Communication

Communication from school to home usually happens much more often that communication from home to school. To get the most out of your school you need to take responsibility for changing this. To develop a good relationship with benefits for all, communicate positive information, rather than only getting in touch when there is a problem. Consider the following benefits:

- Learn about your child's progress
- Learn about your child's difficulties
- Clear up misunderstandings
- Learn what you can do at home
- Learn about how your child is developing socially and emotionally
- Learn about how your child behaves in class and the discipline that is used
- Learn about what is expected of your child
- Learn about the teaching strategies used
- Learn about the contents of the report card
- Learn about how your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) is being implemented
- Get to know the teacher personally
- Share information about your child's interests, attitude towards school, likes and dislikes, talents, etc
- Help the teacher to understand how your child learns and important assessment results
- Give the teacher feedback on her effectiveness
- Develop plans together
- Resolve conflicts

Your interest shows your child you care!

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