



LPPA

Leading Parent Partnership Award

2020–2023

We are thrilled to announce that we have been accredited with the Leading Parent Partnership Award. The 18-month process, which began in January 2019, ended this September.

The LPPA is a nationally recognised award achieved by schools that work closely with the parents/carers of their pupils.

You have all played an enormous part in this achievement. As we embedded the partnership between parents, children and staff into the ethos of our school, we of course relied on you to play your part. We firmly believe that parental engagement is an integral part allowing all children to achieve their full potential.

Of course, when we started this process we had no idea just how involved you would all become in your children's learning! As we all adapted, parental feedback was at the heart of the process and continues to be crucial, as we return to school but plan for blended learning opportunities that meet our families' needs.

For parents new to the school, our activities before lockdown offered events that drew on parents' strengths, we welcomed parents into school and provided opportunities for families to work alongside their children, enjoying learning together.

We also focused on improving our communication, creating a genuine two-way dialogue that helped us gather parental feedback and ensure it was at the heart of all our future actions.

The award body reported that the parents it spoke to appreciate the staff and feel confident in approaching the school with any queries or worries. They value the regular contact with staff and school leaders. They feel that communication is a strength of the school and are extremely grateful to a school team who are very approachable and helpful. Because of the work of all staff, the school is held in high regard by the parents.

Having the opportunity to lead this project has been immensely fulfilling and rewarding on a personal level. Bringing our communities together and embracing our Brookhurst families has created a caring school environment that now thrives on building its future together as a team. This was reflected in the final report:

'The school has a clear vision of how it wants to develop parental engagement in the future, with a determination to reach out and engage all parents. The governors are fully committed to developing parental partnership. They both support and challenge leaders to ensure strategies adopted by the school have the desired impact. This is a school where parent partnership is a core principle throughout.' - Andy Taylor from Optimus Education Award Body

We would like to thank all of the many parents who offered their expertise, time and opinions. Those who completed invaluable questionnaires, attended trips, Parent Forums, volunteered their time, ran clubs, offered suggestions, engaged with the school and attended a virtual meeting for the final verification, you are all deeply appreciated by us here at Brookhurst. This award could only have been gained through the effort of the Brookhurst parents, staff and governors together as a team.

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Partnership Champion