

## Strategic School Improvement Fund Project

### **Impactful strategies used by SSIF schools to improve parental engagement:**

- W.A.D.A.D.M. – What a difference a day makes! Sharing key messages to parents and pupils to ensure that attendance is good! Significant impact on some families who have acknowledged the impact of a days' absence!
- EWO and link Attendance Governors present at meetings with parents with children whose attendance is below 90% to raise the importance of attendance and offer support.
- Use of newsletters, reward cards and personalised text messages to share key messages, targets etc. with parents
- Home reading packs – texts and age/stage related tasks that can be sent home to encourage reading with children
- Numeracy toolkits – range of activities and strategies parents can use at home to support children's numeracy
- Parental Workshops – specific focus for identified groups of parents. Linked to developing understanding of schools approach and pedagogy. Providing parents with a tool kit of ideas and strategies they can use at home to support their child's learning
- Parental meetings at more flexible times – not always during parents evening but as and when the needs arise – enabling more parents to attend and develop relationships with school
- Open access to Attendance/Pastoral leads to support parents with concerns e.g. Drop in sessions
- Whole school focus on improving pupils' numeracy – use of Times Tables Rockstars. Tutorial time used to support the programme across all year groups

### **Useful Reading/resources/websites:**

- <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evidence-summaries/teaching-learning-toolkit/parental-engagement/>
- <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/evidence-summaries/early-years-toolkit/parental-engagement/>
- [My Videos\JG-Reaching-Hard-to-reach-Parents.mp4](#) Jean Gross
- Parental Engagement – How to make a real difference. Oxford School Improvement
- Leadership for parental engagement – National College
- Harnessing parent power - SIMS
- [https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/sites/default/files/parental\\_engagement\\_-\\_final\\_report.pdf](https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/sites/default/files/parental_engagement_-_final_report.pdf)
- Parental Engagement - School-Home Support (SHS) [www.shs.org.uk](http://www.shs.org.uk)
- Teacher Guide: Parental Engagement and Narrowing the Gap in Attainment for Disadvantaged Children - NFER
- <https://ttrockstars.com/>