

13th May 22

Mr Dan Zaccheo BA, PGCE
Principal

Re: Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)

Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) is the national recognised award that helps schools to work in partnership with all parents and carers. The award hopes to increase parental participation in school life, which could help to improved pupil's progress, punctuality, attendance and behaviour; ultimately leading to improved outcomes in all aspects of school life.

The LPPA provides a coherent framework for us to follow and deliver effective parental engagement in our school. Overall, this award will help us to work more closely and more effectively with all of our Parents/Carers. It is our school ethos that we want the very best for our pupils and it has been proven that effective and positive Parent/Carer partnerships can have a very real and lasting impact.

The award is expected to be achieved within a maximum of 12-15 months and we started the award process in January 2021. Within this timescale, the process is supportive, developmental and progressive, rather than a box-ticking, target-driven exercise. A huge thank you to those parents who completed the Parent Evaluation Form in March 2021. The feedback gave us an indication of where we needed to improve and based on this feedback, and the relaxing of Covid restrictions, we have reintroduced open afternoons, courses offered to parents via the MIDAS Centre, fundraising events to improve our facilities, coffee mornings/afternoons and events for parents in the evening – details to follow shortly!

The Covid pandemic had a serious impact on the opportunities we were able to offer to Parents/Carers to attend activities in school as safeguarding our pupils and staff became the priority. However, as the country slowly returns to normality, we are keen to invite Parents/Carers back into school.

To help us get on the right track, I have taken on Aliye Neal's role as LPPA Co-ordinator to help us to achieve the award, whilst Aliye is on maternity leave. Many of you will know me as I am out on transport duty in the mornings and afternoon. I have the necessary experience and my role as the coordinator is to manage the school's work towards achieving the LPPA. I have a genuine interest and enthusiasm for this work, and I can relate well to parents. I have a proven track record of demonstrating a high-level of leadership and management skills and I am committed to the role. I have created a leaflet with more information on the LPPA, which is attached to this letter.

I have processed the feedback from the Parent Evaluation Form and I am working through the points raised. Please see responses to some of your points on the reverse of this letter, others are still being discussed and considered and further information will be released in due course.

You as Parent/Carers can also help us to achieve the award by; reading all letters, newsletters and publicity we send out, come along to events we organise if you are able to, complete any questionnaires or feedback forms we send out as honestly as you can, sign up for Weduc, which is our Parent/Carer communication platform. If you require any support with Weduc, please contact the School Office on 01795 477788.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support with your child's education.

We look forward to continuing to develop our working relationships and hope to see some of you on the 20th May.

If you have any questions, suggestions or just want to know more, please contact the school office via email, office@meadowfield.kent.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully
Deanna Bailey
LPPA Coordinator