

Thornton School – Community Partnership

Goal

To enhance learning by establishing a partnership with the schools' community and to be responsive to its educational needs and wishes.

Rationale

A genuine school community partnership develops when equal parties meet, share information, viewpoints – and reach decisions together.

Purpose

To develop a Community Partnership where all partners

- are kept regularly informed
- are involved in the activities of the school
- are involved in communication and discussion share in making decisions
- accept mutual responsibility for decisions made.

Guidelines

1. All communications – particularly written – should be clearly understood.
2. Communication should be regular.
3. Cultural groups/or ethnic backgrounds should be acknowledged.
4. Parents should be given various ways to express their views.
5. Community will always be made to feel welcome in the school environment.

Conclusion

When equal parties meet, share information and viewpoints and accept mutual responsibility for decisions made together, a genuine school community partnership develops.