

Host workshops where children and parents can work together to make fun resources to use at home.

Informal coffee mornings to meet key staff and your SEND governor.

Develop 'You Said So We Did' displays to show how you act upon the views of parents and carers.

Round tables for meetings to avoid them feeling like an interview. Include refreshments.

Regular parent/carer voice activities so that views can be shared.

Supporting Effective Partnerships with Parents Some Ideas

Send the agenda for meetings and reports from professionals well in advance of the meeting date.

Use plain English to communicate. Provide parents/carers with an SEN specific jargon buster.

Make lots of informal contact. For example: hellos at the school gate and positive praise phone calls home.

Share times when staff are accessible and contact details.

Develop displays showing who key staff are in school and how they help and support. Include professionals from outside agencies that support your school.