



Key Driver 4: *Parents involved in School Life*

Parents show love for school by organising Valentine's Disco for children

Before working with Parentkind

Parents came to special events like Sports Day and Christmas Concert, they attended Parents' Evenings but had little other interaction with the school.

What did the school do?

To test the appetite for a Parents and Friends Association, one of the teachers sent out a request for volunteers to help organise a Valentine's disco for the children. A small group of parents volunteered. In particular they:

- encouraged other parents to get involved
- made decorations to put up in the hall
- served food to the children
- supported with behaviour during the event
- cleaned up afterwards

What was the result?

- The children had a great time
- The Valentine's Disco was the best attended disco that the school had held for quite some time

- Approximately £650 was raised towards school funds
- Staff and parents were filled with enthusiasm to continue to work together to raise funds for the school

What difficulties have there been?

- It has been difficult to organise official meetings at a time that suits all parents that want to be involved. Some parents are working and unable to make the meetings if held during a school day however non-working parents prefer the day time as they may not have childcare after school hours.

Lessons learnt – Recommendations for other schools:

- Try to schedule official meetings well in advance of the event
- Look at using MS Teams, Skype or Zoom to encourage more members to attend
- Have different groups – a group to arrange and coordinate activities, other groups to make items for sale/decoration/ refreshments etc. or turn up on the day and do specific tasks; that way people can give as much or as little time as they are able.



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