

Quiz! How good are you at communicating with parents?

Read all of the statements and tick the one which applies best to you.

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Frequency of communication:

1. I like to communicate early and often with parents to make sure they are prepared and give them plenty of time to respond.
2. I try to communicate with parents but I often leave it till the last minute.
3. I avoid communicating with parents at all costs.

Parental involvement:

1. I like to keep parents up-to-date on what their child is learning and encourage them to be involved.
2. I want to involve parents but I don't think they will be interested.
3. I prefer not to involve parents and only discuss their child's progress at parents' evening.

Your attitude:

1. I get in touch with parents to share good news about their child, not just when there is a problem.
2. I inform parents of their child's progress once a term.
3. I only get a parent involved when there is a serious problem to discuss.

Forms of communication:

1. I have tried different forms of communication (letter, text message, telephone call, email, newsletter) and found the form(s) which has the highest response rate for my class.
2. I just send home a letter with the children but I would like to try out some different methods to see if I get a better response rate.
3. I rarely communicate with parents. I just see them at parents' evening or telephone them if there is a problem.

Your relationship with parents:

1. I keep in regular contact with parents and greet them when I see them at school. I always try to be friendly and positive.
2. I wish I had more confidence in communicating with parents. I always try to be friendly.
3. I avoid parents. I don't talk to them unless I really have to.



Score

Mostly 1s

Well done! It sounds like you are doing a great job communicating with parents. You have a positive attitude and the regular contact with parents makes the relationship easier. Keep reading these articles for more ideas and suggestions.

Mostly 2s

You are halfway there! You are keeping parents up-to-date on their child's progress and want to try new forms of communication but you lack time or confidence, or need a helping hand. Keep reading these monthly articles and by the end of the year, you'll be heaps more confident! Don't miss next month's article on developing a good communication strategy!

Mostly 3s

You feel negative about parents getting involved and avoid them at all costs, possibly because of a bad experience in the past. Put the past behind you and don't dwell on it. Read here about why it's important to build a good relationship with parents. You'll be surprised by the benefits you gain by regularly reading these articles and taking on some of their suggestions.



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