



Host Parents in the Classroom

Engaging with parents ensures that they know how to support their child’s learning progress, behaviour, attendance and school readiness. This includes inviting parents into the classroom so they can experience the learning environment and see how their child performs academically and behaviourally. When teachers and the school team are engaged with parents, it encourages positive behaviour and increases school attendance. When parents visit the classroom, they learn how their child is engaging with the lesson, observe behaviours, and support their child’s learning.

Procedure

To schedule parent visits, the teacher:

- **Develops** a parent classroom visit schedule in the first week of term.
- **Contacts parents** with the schedule to let them know they can attend a specific class their child is in.
- **Encourages parents** to visit whenever they see them.
- **Ensures parents** know they are welcome to visit during any open classroom times suggested in the schedule.

To host parent visits, the teacher:

- **Greets the parents** when they arrive at the classroom.
- **Provides their procedure** for having visitors in the classroom.
- **Points out examples** of their child’s work on the student's display board.
- **Permits parents to sit with their child** to hear them read or support them with classroom difficulties.
- **Provides** parents with a [Supporting Your Child’s Education at Home](#) brochure and encourages return visits.

Remember

Having procedures around scheduling and hosting parents streamlines the process and minimises time taken away from instruction.

Ways to Master the Technique

- Use classroom displays to clearly highlight what students have mastered and why student work demonstrates mastery so that parents can learn from the classroom displays.
- When celebrating student success, provide specific, positive examples so that parents can provide the same feedback to their children at home.
- After completing your schedule for parent visits, schedule email reminders or use an online calendar to set the schedule so that parents receive a quick reminder the day before.
- Post procedures for parent visits around your classroom so that parents have them to reference, and so that students can take leadership roles when there is a parent visitor.

Further Information

For more information about engaging with parents, complete the Practice Schedule Parent Classroom Visits and Practice Host Parent Classroom Visits. Read about the technique in Cycle 8: Parent Classroom Engagement of the 8 Cycles of School Practice Guide.